A PICTORIAL HISTORY of the METHODIST CHURCH of BURR OAK, KANSAS

By the

Junior Hi-Lites Class

1965

Dedication

To Mrs. Mack Harris, in grateful recognition of her achievement in writing the original history from which many of these excerpts were taken.

In Appreciation

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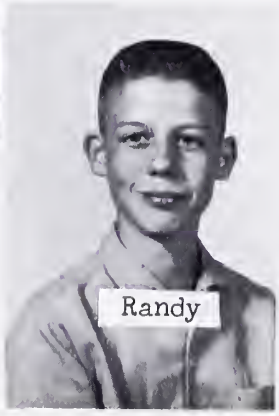
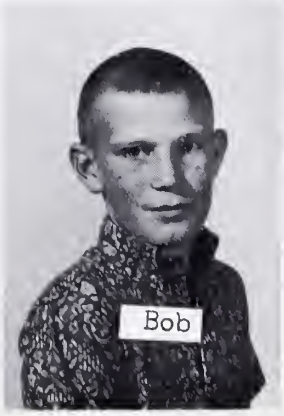




A History of The Methodist Church of Burr Oak, Kansas

Compiled by members of The Junior Hi-Lites Class of the Church School

Burr Oak became a town when a post office was established at the A. J. Godfrey cabin on June 29, 1871. In the fall of 1872, T. B. Carpenter brought his family to the new townsite, moving into the one room log cabin belonging to C. E. Lewis. The following summer, on June 12, 1873, his wife, Mary Carpenter, died. There being no church and no minister in Burr Oak at that time, Mr. Carpenter engaged E. Modlin to go to Jewell City and bring the Methodist minister, H. G. Breed, to his home to conduct the funeral service. This was the first Methodist service held in the community, although another Methodist, Elder Rose, had held a preaching service at the Godfrey cabin in the fall of 1871. Other ministers had held interdenominational meetings from time to time.

During the spring of 1873, Mr. Carpenter had erected a story-and-a-half building for his stock of dry goods and groceries, and it was to the upper room of this building that the Reverend Mr. Breed returned two weeks after the funeral to organize a Methodist Church. Twelve persons joined this first class, and so it was that on June 28, 1873, the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Burr Oak, Kansas, was born. The names of the twelve were: E. Modlin, class leader, Hannah Modlin, H. B. O'Neal, Amanda O'Neal, W. H. Mahoney, R. R. Skeels, Susannah Skeels, T. B. Carpenter, Susannah McDonald, W. H. Huntington, Catherine Bennett and Thomas Lewis.

For several years meetings were held in the homes of members and in various buildings in the town. Membership increased, and by 1880 plans were made for the building of Burr Oak's first house of worship. There was much talk of the coming of a railroad that year, and T. B. Carpenter and J. M. Quigley went to Atchison on business connected with the extension of the railroad. While in Atchison, they raised nearly $250 by subscription among the wholesalers of Atchison and St. Joseph, Mo., to aid in building the church.

At a meeting in April, trustees were appointed to attend to the building plans. A subscription paper was put in circulation at once and met with liberal response. A location was chosen two blocks east of Main Street, the ground prepared and foundation laid. Laying of the cornerstone on Sept. 8, 1880, was a big event in Burr Oak. A large crowd had gathered for the occasion. Rev. J. M. Davidson of Beloit made the opening address on "The Civilizing and Refining Influence of Christianity on the Earth and on Communities". He was followed by Rev. G. H. Woodward, a former pastor of the church, who gave a short account of the progress of the Burr Oak church since its inception. Elder J. H. Lockwood of Beloit made an address on "The Practice of Laying Cornerstones; Antiquity of the Custom; Significance Attached To It".

Elder Lockwood then proposed to raise at this meeting the amount of $200 to help carry forward the work of building the church. He called on T. B. Carpenter, one of the trustees, to make a statement of the status of the work.

This report showed:

Cost of two lots and wall, laid for foundation 30 by 50 feet	$150.00
Cost of lumber on ground	600.00
Nails, painting, plastering	150.00
Carpenter work	200.00
	$1100.00
Cash on hand	200.00
Amount subscribed	350.00
Balance needed	550.00

In response to a proposal to raise $100 in $25 subscriptions, donations were made by Dr. W. J. Ross, Rufus Wellman, and H. B. O'Neal. Then the ladies of the church "put their heads together" and agreed to form a Mite Society and raise the other $25. The proposition was then made to raise $50 in $10 subscriptions. This was easily done, and the amount of $100 was raised in this way. Then $2.50 and $1 subscriptions were taken and another $51 was raised.

The cornerstone was then laid with the usual ceremonies. In it were placed a Bible, Hymnal, Discipline, subscription list, copy of the charter, a history of the organization of the church, list of members, and a copy of the local newspaper, the Burr Oak Reveille.

The charter had been granted on April 5, 1880, and filed for record on April 7. The twelve persons who organized the church in the upper room at Carpenter's have usually been called the charter members. The membership at the time the charter was received had grown to a much larger number, all of whom, of course, were charter members. The only names appearing on the charter are those of the trustees, T. B. Carpenter, J. E. Hawley, S. D. Decker, J. T. Masters, J. W. Ruby, W. M. Spurlock, and E. Modlin.

The ladies organized their Mite Society in the fall of 1880. Mrs. W. J. Ross was the first president, Mrs. J. W. Ruby secretary and Mrs. G. R. Wellman treasurer. Mr. Carpenter had married Catherine Modlin, daughter of Elwood and Hannah Modlin, in 1874, and it was in the home of Catherine Carpenter that the Mite Society met for the first time.

Since times were hard, the building committee had thought it best not to include a steeple or vestibule in the building plans. Mrs. Carpenter thought the church should have a steeple with a vestibule below, so she guaranteed the funds to build it. The Mite Society circulated a paper around town to raise part

of the money. They also raised $100 in Mankato in one day of soliciting in that neighboring town. They held a fund-raising dinner at the McLain building, donating so much food that dinners were sold all the next day, raising an additional $60.

Shortly after the first of the year in 1881, a revival meeting was held in the uncompleted church under Rev. H. G. Breed. There were many converts, and forty-two new members gained. In March it was decided that Rev. Breed should return to Burr Oak for the succeeding year, and would move into town with his family. The Bishop, considering its growing importance, changed Burr Oak from a circuit point to a station with a resident pastor.

It was nearly a year after the cornerstone laying before the new church could be dedicated. Delays, mistakes in construction, high cost of materials and other difficulties arose. The final cost was nearly $2400.

It was Sunday, Aug. 21, 1881, that the new Methodist Church, then the only religious building ever constructed in Burr Oak, was dedicated. The church was crowded to capacity, and a large overflow compelled to remain outside. The ceremonies were conducted by Rev. O. J. Cowles, D. D., of Topeka, assisted by the pastor, Rev. H. G. Breed, Rev. J. H. Lockwood of Beloit, Rev. G. H. Woodward of Mankato, and others.

When the services began the church was about $1050 in debt, but a collection was taken, subscriptions invited, and in a short time the full amount was raised, with $50 to spare.

A revival following the dedication added seventy-one more names to the membership roll, making a total of one hundred fifty-seven members.

The first parsonage, which stood beside the church, was built in 1884, at a cost of approximately $400. In 1890 it was traded for the lot and building where the present parsonage now stands.

Rev. B. G. McCormick always used this quotation in his church notes in the Burr Oak Herald: "The World Would Lurch Without the Church". When, after a year or two, the editor suggested that he change it, he did so. The next week it appeared, "Without the Church the World Would Lurch".

One year during Bible school a boy's mother was questioning him about where his class met. "Did you go upstairs?" she inquired. "Oh, no," he responded, "God lives up there."

During the 1930's Katie Robertson's girls named their class The Amelia Class for Amelia Earhart. They received a letter from the famous flyer.

Rev. A. E. Hughes, who played the concertina, told this story of a small boy whom he sent to get it one time. The boy rushed to the parsonage and told Mrs. Hughes, "Your husband wants the constant screamer."

Rev. G. R. Alsobrooks said on his first Sunday in Burr Oak, "I don't think the spirit of the Lord is in a Methodist church after twelve o'clock."

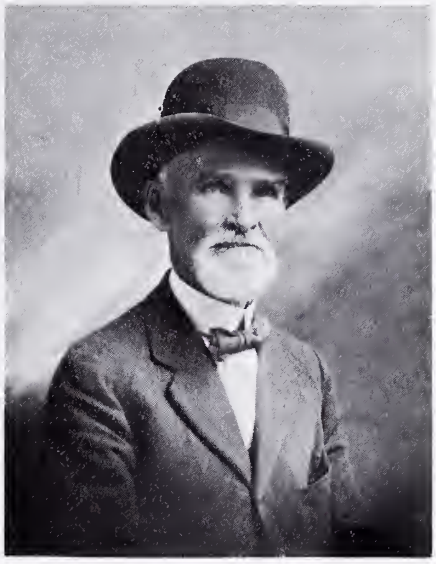
When Rev. Claude Johnson was here, one of his most impressive services was a watch party with a midnight communion on New Year's Eve.

In earlier days, Sunday School picnics held in the Faidley grove were a high light of the summer.

The Twelve

It is symbolic that the first church established in this frontier community began when twelve Christians met in an upper room and laid the foundation for an organization which was to have a powerful influence on the future of the town. Pictured here are a few of those faithful twelve.

Mr. and Mrs. H.B. O'Neal and their three children. The small boy in the picture is Kelly O'Neal, to whose wife we are indebted for the use of this old tintype.



Thomas Lewis. Mr. Lewis was a young man when the church was organized. This picture was taken thirty-six years later. (Picture courtesy Ed Lewis)

Robert R. Skeels. Mr. Skeels served on the board of the church for many years.

Susannah Skeels (Mrs. R.R. Skeels)

Members of THE TWELVE not pictured above are: Mr. and Mrs. E. Modlin, W. H. Mahoney, T. B. Carpenter, Suzannah McDonald, W. H. Huntington and Catherine Bennett.

Dedication Day

This picture was taken following the dedication ceremonies on Aug. 21, 1881.

In the picture are:
Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Wellman
Mr. and Mrs. H. Breckenridge
Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Judy
Mr. and Mrs. D. Beanblossom
Mr. and Mrs. H. B. O'Neal
Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Skeels
and others not known.
(Contributed by Mr. and Mrs. John S. Gleason)

This picture, also lent by Mr. and Mrs. Gleason, was taken in 1912 just before the building was moved to make room for the brick church.

Some Early Methodists

Pictured on the next two pages are a few of the people who made it possible to maintain a church in Burr Oak before the end of the nineteenth century.

The G. R. Wellman family was prominent in the church from its early days. Mr. Wellman helped to raise the money to build the first place of worship in 1880, contributing heavily himself. In 1912 when the beautiful brick edifice was constructed, Mr. Wellman paid one fifth of the entire cost of the building. He is reported to have said that the white steer which he gave toward the building in 1880 was a greater sacrifice at the time than the generous sum contrubuted in 1912.

Mr. and Mrs. Harve J. Grubbs were faithful Methodists from the time of their marriage in 1883. Mr. Grubbs' name appears in the old records every year as one of those who contributed to the support of the minister. His son Homer in later years sang in the choir of the new church.

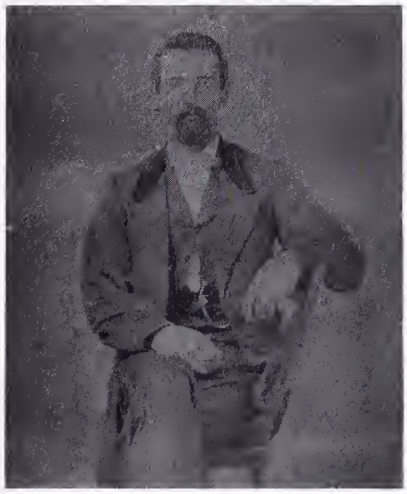
William and Phoebe Lewis were among the earliest members, joining the church in 1873. They were constant members, and their names appear often in the church records. They were the parents of Ed Lewis, grandparents of Emmett and Russell Lewis, whose children therefor are fourth generation members of the church.

Cal Lewis, of whose wife Belle no picture was available, also joined the church in the seventies. The Carpenter family lived in his cabin until they built their store, and Charley Lewis, Cal's son, states that it was in this cabin that some of the earliest meetings of the church were held. Mrs. Homer Grubbs is a daughter of Cal Lewis. Homer Lewis Grubbs and Charley Lewis' daughter, Mrs. Gale Tegley are third generation members. Mrs. Gary Hancock is a fourth generation member.

William and Jennie Riner joined the church in 1873 also. From the time they joined they became part of the "backbone" of the church. They are present in some of the group pictures in this history, as are some of the other members pictured here.

Pictures Courtesy Ed Lewis

William & Phoebe Lewis
1867



Cal Lewis

Wm. & Jennie Riner
1867

The Growing Church

1886 to 1892

The earliest record in the church files in the Stewards' Book purchased in 1886. The list of trustees in than year was: J. M. Hotchkiss, C. S. Pangborn, Frank Case, R. R. Skeels, T. B. Carpenter, A.S. Judy, and W. P. Flood.

The pastor was George W. Wood. He was paid by subscription, and the papers were apparently circulated among the business houses, as the names of several firms are fould on the list each year. Those recorded as pledging money for the minister's support in 1886 were: R. R. Skeels, Wm. Riner, D. J. Kiser, H. J. Grubbs, Daniel Skeels, Alex S. Judy, H. Breckenridge, D. F. Jennings, Williamson and Cummings, James M. Thomas, F. S. Drummond, David Beanblossom, David Bullington, Frank Case, D. H. Solly, A. W. Mann, A. Bailey, B. F. Royer, C. L. Knapp, S. W. Vinton, W. J. White, Morris & Carhill, F. M. Drake, H. L. Doty, J. T. Dick, L. N. Wilson, W. M. Heaston, J.N. Green, D. VanBaren, W. P. Flood, E. White, Jesse Drake Boyer & Bentley, Peter B. Spears, C. S. Pangborn, B.F. Duncan, J. M. Burt, J. W. Epperson, T. B. Carpenter, S. B. McClerkin, Isa. F. Hodson,

Duncan, J. M. Burt, J. W. Epperson, T. B. Carpenter, S. B. McClerkin, Isa. F. Hodson, A. E. Mier, J. E. Hawley, Chas. Russell & Co., M. Weil, J. B. Wilbur, Frank Gilbert, James Weyand, Hannah Drake, H. F. Faidley, Mrs. Clayton, H. B. O'Neal.

In 1887 a new minister, E. H. Fleischer, came to the church. New names were added to the subscription list. Among them were: W. H. Mahoney, Wesley Clemons, Miss Fogo, Maggie Hartley, Daniel King, Phoebe Lewis, John McKinney, Sarah Totten, A. D. Cox, B. W. Lathrop, B. H. Johnson, H. Modlin, Ruby Ensign, W.B. Greenside, John Royer, Roy Gibbs, Jas. Lawrence, Ben Darling, Mrs. McCormick, Seth Hoag, and Jones Williamson.

Names added in 1888 were: E. O. W. Smith, Mrs. Liedloff, Miss Nellie Noyes, J. C. Modlin, G. R. Wellman, A. S. Johnston, Allen Cummings, E. L. Shaw, C. M. Ross, Jane Dale, and E. Reeves.

In 1889 Rev. J. C. Walker came to Burr Oak, where he remained for many years. This year also records the names of former workers and many more were added. The Dick family apparently decided that the children should learn early to support the church as the names of J. T. Dick, Catherine Dick, G. L. Dick, India, Alice and Lizzie are all recorded as having contributed. Alice later became the mother of Elmer Alexander. India was the mother of Enola Howard and Mrs. Ted Isaac, present day members, and of Dean Belt whose son Olin entered the ministry from this church.

Olin's daughter, Alicia Kay Belt, was a fourth generation member. Also added to the record in 1889 was the name of Carrie Nappin who later became Mrs. J. J. Gillett. This was the first year of service to her church, to which she and her family have added a long record over the years. Other names recorded for the first time in 1889 were: Melvin Pangborn, Della Dale, Minnie Dale, Jane King, G. W. Alexander, C. E. Dick, J. K. Chaney, Nellie Alexander, Mrs. Hartley, and Fred Abel. Fred was the father of Henry Abel, grandfather of John and great grandfather of Elizabeth.

Harve J. Grubbs

Mary (Skeels) Grubbs

Contributors added in 1890 were: Charles Carpenter, W. C. Moon, Cora Liedloff, W. N. Hill, Nathan Creps, W. E. Jones, W. E. Bush, Norris & Monbeck, Isaiah Totten, D. J. Kiser, Mrs. Mattie Duncan, E.P. Hotchkiss, Ellen Gilbert, Ellen Green, Mrs. Roth, Willie Roth, Mrs. C. E. Lewis, and J. E. Faidley.

Names added in 1891 were: Sime Forney, Al Brakey, W. Coyner, T. P. O'Brien, David Lantz, C. W. Good, Mrs. D. Kirk, L. Estep, T. M. Buckles, Mrs. Keeland, and Mrs. Harley. In that year Mrs. Jessie McCormick carried a subscription paper and did quite well among the ladies.

In 1892 new names on the list were: Dan Monbeck, Mrs. Susan Hovey, W. B. Sutliff, Clark Morris, George Carhill, C. H. Modlin, and David Convis.

Here the old record ends. It must be remembered that the above lists of names were not membership lists, but names of persons signing pledges or contributing funds to "pay the preacher".

A newspaper clipping from the Burr Oak Herald of March 22, 1894, lists the newly elected officers of the M. E. Church as: Class Leader, Nathan Creps; Sunday School Supt., Mrs. Ida Epperson; Stewards, Mrs. Fannie Hotchkiss, Miss Nellie Noyes, E. Modlin, W. P. Moore, and J. H. Baker; Trustees, R. R. Skeels, Nathan Creps, B. F. Royer, A. S. Judy, H. J. Grubbs, C. L. Carpenter, and James Dick.

The next record book available was purchased in 1908, and these words are written on the fly leaf:

"The record was lost Sept. 1906. The following lists of pastors' names was furnished by Mrs. Sarah Skeels. The names of members were entered by W. A. Van Gundy Jan. 1908. These names were secured by the members giving to the pastor their names & the dates so far as they could remember. This leaves the record very imperfect concerning members who have died or moved away, etc. Also some of the members cannot remember when or under whom they united with the church."

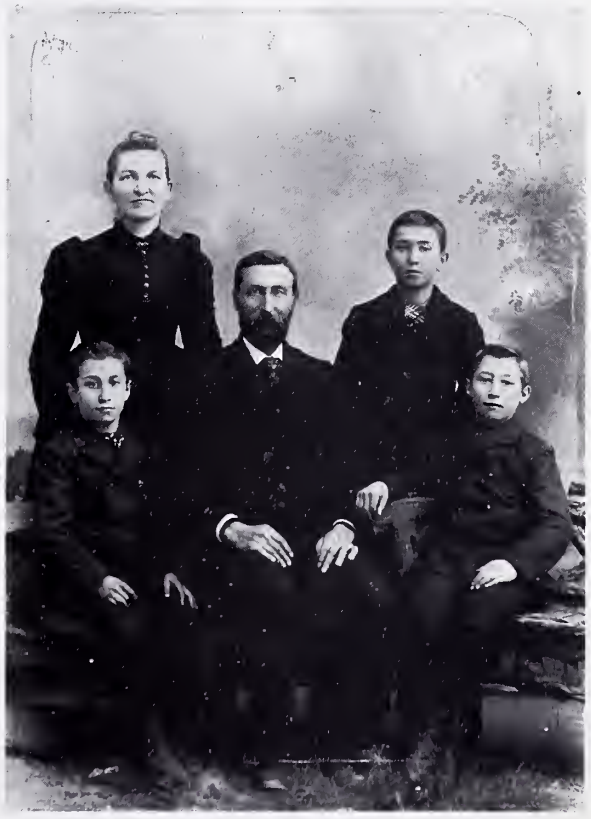
Following this is a list of the twelve original members and the names of pastors from 1880. These are listed elsewhere in this history.

In spite of a brave beginning, few names were placed in the record. The few recorded are: Trustees, R. R. Skeels, G. R. Wellman, A. S. Judy, Fred Wilsman, J. W. Hotchkiss, R. R. Richardson, M. M. Decker, Byron Hill, and H. J. Grubbs. Stewards: Mrs. R. R. Skeels, Byron Hill, J. F. Robertson, Lillie Mann, Mary Varney, R. R. Hansen, and G. E. Bentley. Frances Pangborn was president of the Epworth League, Mrs. A. S. Judy president of the Womens' Foreign Missionary Society, and Hannah Wilson was president of the Ladies' Aid. Other names recorded in the same handwriting were: Mrs. R. R. Hansen, Miss Tana Decker, Miss Marie Epperson and Miss Delia Gillett. On the same page but added at a later date are the names of T. W. Cline, Lillian Judy (Deaconess), J. C. Walker, Chas. Carpenter, John Gleason, and Mrs. R. R. Richardson. Presumably these are all members of the Official Board, serving in various capacities.

On the next page we find listed the trustees for 1926-27. These are: Frank Robertson, R. R. Skeels, Alex Judy, Fred Wilsman, J. M. Tegley, Lyle Wood, Bert Ross, Otis Beenblossom, T. W. Cline, and R. R. Hansen.

On the following page are listed the members of the Official Board for 1939 as follows: Dallas W. Davis, Frances Davis, J. F. Robertson, R. R. Richardson, G. C. Modlin, L. A. Pixler, Elmer Alexander, Florence Alexander, C. H. Pixler, Loren Fogo, Judd Gillett, Darlene Zoberst, Della Garber, Elsie Callahan, Katie Robertson, Tana Sabin, Ola Beanblossom, Daisy Clark, H. A. Modlin, Ed Wilsman, O. A. Beanblossom, Leo A. Beanblossom, Ethel Terrill and Ruth Richardson.

Records apparently have been kept on a hit-or-miss basis, names and other information being entered in the books only occasionally. Obviously, it would be impossible to list in this history the names of all the hundreds of loyal Methodists who have contributed to the growth of the Burr Oak church. The authors used all the material and pictures lent them, but some readers will be sure to notice gaps in the story.



Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Wellman
Guy, Clifford, and Robert

Turn of the Century and After

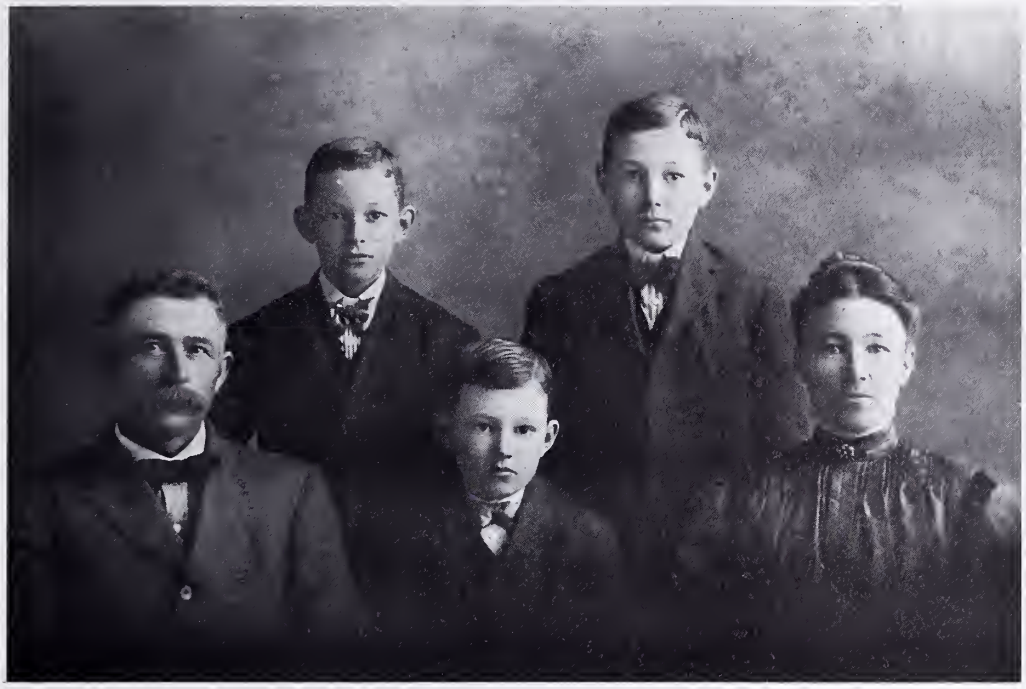
Sarah Skeels
Mrs. Skeels was a devoted and constant worker, president of the Ladies' Aid for several years and a Sunday School teacher.

Early Methodist Women
Mrs. R. R. Skeels, Mrs. Mary Robertson, Mrs. Mary Richardson, Mrs. Roxy Graves.

(left) Early Church Workers and Their Mothers
Mattie Mann, Alice Hiatt Wilson, Lillian Judy, Tana Decker Sabin with Mrs. Mann, Mrs. Skeels, and Mrs. Judy.

(All items on this page contributed by Mr. and Mrs. John S. Gleason)

Turn of the Century and After



Mr. and Mrs. George Alexander, Verlin, Harold and Elmer
(taken in 1910)

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Gillett, Clayton, Clela, Henrietta, Nat, Elton, and Delia. Douglas and Judd had not yet been born. Carrie Nappin Gillettoften told of getting the childred ready for church and walking with them to the service from the home north of town.

Turn of the Century and After

In 1907 a new parsonage was erected. The building purchased in 1890 had been sold and moved from the lot, and the new parsonage was built at the same location.

In 1913 the members of the Ladies' Aid Society entertained a group of elder citizens at the parsonage. The picture below (lent by Miss Eva Thomas) was taken on that day.

Pictured are: front row, left to right, son of Frank Green, Mrs. J. C. Walker, Frances Wood and her mother, Mrs. C. E. Wood, Alice Alexander, Helen Green, Dan Monbeck. Second row, Mrs. Dan Monbeck, Mrs. B. Hill, Mrs. Eb Hill, Mrs. W. Wertz, Mrs. Herd, Mrs. Emory, Mrs. Korb, Mrs. Beanblossom, Mrs. Wilson. Third row, Mrs. Cal Lewis, Mrs. Hotchkiss, Mrs. C. J. Canfield, Mrs. Dora Sanders, Mrs. Mary Robertson, Mrs. A. S. Judy, Mrs. Richardson, Mr. Church, Mr. Herd, Mr. Wertz. Back row, Mrs. Hutchinson, Rev. J. C. Walker, Rev. C. E. Wood, Jim Hotchkiss, Mr. Richardson, and in the rear, A. S. Judy.

More Early Methodists

Mrs. Anna Louise Decker was a charter member of the "Cheerful Workers Class" of the M. E. Church and a member of the Missionary Society. Her letter was transferred from Henderson Chapel to Burr Oak when she came to Burr Oak. Mother of Harve and Bill Decker, she was the grandmother of Derald Decker and of Mrs. Lee Garman. Great grandchildren are Terry, Bob, and Carla Garman, and Cheryl Decker, one of the authors of this book.

Mrs. Joseph Olena was converted in an old fashioned revival meeting held in the Burr Oak M. E. Church in December, 1880. Mrs. Olena's great grandaughter is Luanne Olena, one of the authors of this book.

Cheerful Workers Sunday School Class, 1913
Mrs. Ladwig, Mrs. F. Wilsman, Mrs. J. L. Graves, Mrs. A. S. Judy, Mrs. Beachly, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Grubbs, Mrs. Moorman, Mrs. J. C. Walker, Mrs. Ensign, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Mary Verney, Mrs. Decker, Mrs. Canfield, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Bently, Mrs. Zumbum, Mrs. Bechtold, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Skeels, Mrs. Sanders, and a few others not known. Mrs. Varney, teacher.
(Contributed by Mrs. John S. Gleason)

Mrs. Willard Smith with her parents, Joseph and Margaret Werts. Mrs. Smith is the mother of Mrs. Harve Decker and grandmother of Derald, whose daughter Cheryl is one of the authors of this book. Thus, five generations of the Werts family and decendents have attended this church. A photo of the Smiths appears below.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Smith and Gerald, with Mr. Mathias and his daughter Amy. Mr. Mathias and Amy worked in the Smith store, and the above picture was made for use on a calendar given to customers by the store in 1909. Mrs. Smith was an early church worker, serving as president of the Ladies' Aid. Miss Mathias was church organist and secretary-treasurer of the Sunday School.

An Important Year--- 1912

Early in the twentieth century the congregation became too large for the little white frame church. A new building was under contemplation for several years. Several thousand dollars had been subscribed when, on Dec. 4, 1911, it was definitely decided to build. During 1912 the present brick building was constructed. The pastor that year was Rev. C. E. Wood. R. R. Skeels, J. N. Hotchkiss and G. R. Wellman were the building committee. Total cost of the new church was $16,000.

A newspaper item taken from the Burr Oak Herald in March 1912, states that several contractors were in town on March 1st to bid on the contract for the new M. E. Church. Successful bidder was M. E. Brady of Beloit. Work was begun as soon as the weather permitted, and by July 5 the basement and foundation were finished and ready for the ceremony of laying the cornerstone.

The services opened at 7:00 p.m. with music by the band. The choir led the singing of the hymn "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow", the same hymn which had been sung at the laying of the old cornerstone 32 years before. Rev. J. C. Walker gave many reminiscences of his pastorate almost a quarter of a century earlier. He was followed by another former pastor, Samuel Barber, who dwelt upon the need for individual action among members of the church to make their work a success. A. S. Judy, a trustee of the church, then read some verses written by himself in honor of the occasion. After reading the ritual service, Rev. A.W. Henry, pastor of the Christian church, and Rev. T.E. George, pastor of the Brethren church, each read a scripture lesson. The box to be placed in the cornerstone was then filled, the pastor naming each article as he placed it in the box. Following the singing of Hymn 355, District Supt. L. E. Rockwell made a short talk, and Rev. J. O. Borton, a former pastor, spoke urging concerted as well as individual action among the church workers. Rev. W. A. VanGundy, another former minister, then in fitting words bade farewell to the old church building, which had served the congregation well for 32 years. The air tight copper box was then put in place by the pastor and the cornerstone laid as dusk settled over the scene.

The picture shown here was posed earlier in the evening, as it was too dark for picture taking at the time the actual ceremony took place.

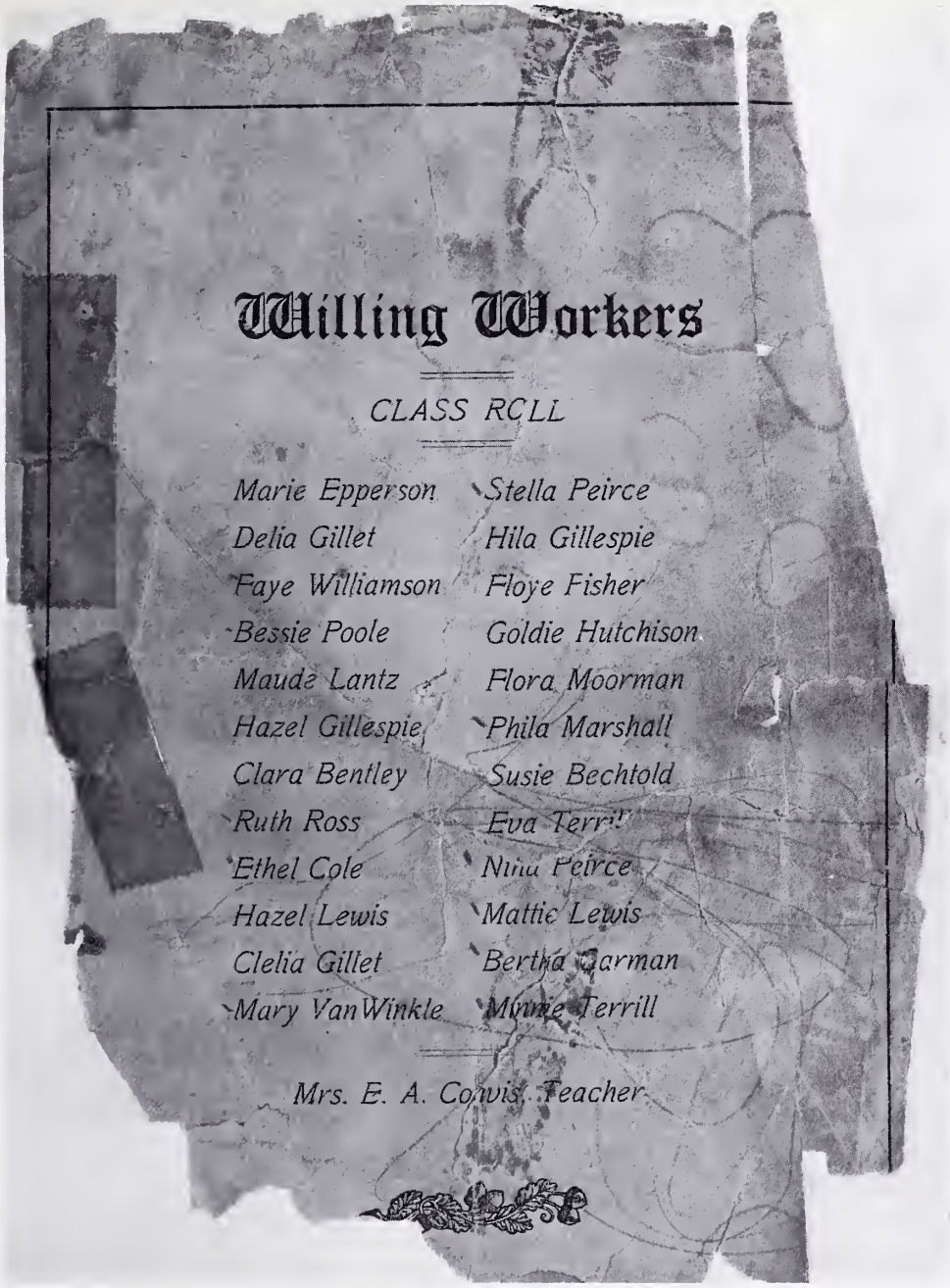
Some of those pictured are: Rev. W.A. VanGundy, Rev. J.E. Walker, the pastor, Rev. C.E. Wood, G.R. Wellman, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hotchkiss, Cal Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wilsman, Mr. Copeland, Mrs. Geo. Bentley, Mary Varney, Myrtle Richardson and daughter Lois, Lillie Judy, Mrs. A.W. Canfield and daughter Mildred, Mrs. C.J. Canfield, Mrs. Henrietta Liedloff, Mrs. Bud Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. R.R. Skeels, Mrs. Alex Judy, Mrs. Jennie Aldridge, and A.M. Montgomery (Monty), M.O.P. mail clerk, Concordia to Burr Oak. (Eva Thomas and Korwin Korb lent pictures like above, Korwin contributed the names.)

Willing Workers Sunday School Class---1912

Back row: Delia Gillett, Lela Smith, Hazel Lewis, Floye Fisher, Clara Bentley, Emma Callahan, Eva Terrill, Hila Gillespie, Goldie Hutchison, Mrs. E. A. Convis, teacher. Front row: Clela Gillett, Marie Epperson, Irma Renner, Hazel Gillespie, Maude Lantz, Flora Moorman. The picture was taken in Ladwig's yard one half mile east of Burr Oak at Easter, 1912.

This class was well named. It consisted of twenty-four girls from the high school. Being greatly interested in the construction of a new church edifice, they sought a way to earn a substantial sum of money as their donation to the building fund. The plan they decided as best was to compile and publish a church cook book. They visited homes in the country and town to secure the best recipes of the best cooks, which were classified and assembled with the permission and names of the donors. The publication and sale of this book was a success and much credit for their efforts goes to these Willing Workers. A page from this cook book appears on the next page. (Contributed by Mrs. John S. Gleason)

The above picture shown a girls' Sunday School class of the 1920's at a picnic in the park at Superior, Nebr. The teacher, Mrs. R. R. Hansen. Shown left to right are: Opal Dorrance, Ruby Lucas, Olive Robertson, Estelle Tucker, R. R. Hansen, Bessie Belt, Ruth Overman, Ruth Walden, Pearl Fishburn, Mrs. R.R. Hansen.



Willing Workers

CLASS ROLL

Marie Epperson	Stella Peirce
Delia Gillet	Hila Gillespie
Faye Williamson	Floye Fisher
Bessie Poole	Goldie Hutchison
Maude Lantz	Flora Moorman
Hazel Gillespie	Phila Marshall
Clara Bentley	Susie Bechtold
Ruth Ross	Eva Terrill
Ethel Cole	Nina Peirce
Hazel Lewis	Mattie Lewis
Clelia Gillet	Bertha Garman
Mary VanWinkle	Minnie Terrill

Mrs. E. A. Cowis, Teacher

Another class of girls of which no picture is available, but which will long be remembered by its members was Mrs. Hawley's "Pollyannas". Mrs. Hawley was the wife of Dr. J. E. Hawley. The girls in the class were: Ruth Hansen, Ardell Walden, Mildred Canfield, Lucille Green, Marie Cameron, Fern Gleason, Florence Gleason, Fern Glover, Thelma Bell, Lois Woodruff, Allene Meyer, Vera Colvin, Wilma Short, Hazel Short, Cleo Wilsman, Elva Dorrance, Esther Overman, Rachel Overman, Esther Walden, and Pearl McMains. (Contributed by Mrs. Russell Lewis)

Mrs. Lillie Mann taught a class of lively boys who still remember her. Some of the boys she taught were: Judd Gillett, Duane Hill, Glen Cline, Lawrence Chadbourne, Howard Lucas, Wayne Beanblossom.

The picture above (contributed by Eva Thomas) was taken just after the morning service on the day the new building was dedicated. The old frame church had been moved into the street just south of the lot on which the church stands, and one corner of the roof of the old building can be seen in this picture. The dedication took place on Dec. 1, 1912.

The dedication was in charge of Dr. T. C. Iliff of Denver, Colo. At 9:30a.m. the people gathered in the old church, and at 10:00 a.m. the ushers, carrying the collection plates, started down the aisles of the old church followed by the ministers present, the trustees, contractor, building committee, and the large congregation. Morris Wood rang the bell for the first services. As the bell ceased ringing the contractor handed the keys to the board of trustees, who handed them to the pastor and the doors of the new church swung open. The ushers carried the collection plates and one of the trustees bore the new Bible down the aisle and laid them in place. As Mrs. M. C. Berkeley played a beautiful organ voluntary the people crowded in and filled the new church to overflowing. After the singing of "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow", Dr. Iliff led in prayer and services in the new church began. A large choir and orchestra, under the leadership of Wesley Green, led the singing. District Supt. L. E. Rockwell, Rev. W. A. VanGundy and Rev. J. C. Walker, former pastors; Rev. C. E. Tinker of Otego, and Rev. A. W. Henry of the Christian church were present and took part in the services.

After preaching a most fitting sermon, Dr. Iliff asked for $7000, $4704 of which was raised. At 2:30 Dr. Iliff conducted the communion service. after which $890 was subscribed. Dr. Iliff preached again at 7:30 and at this service enough money was subscribed to more than cover the $7000 asked for in the morning, and the church was duly dedicated to Almight God amidst great rejoicing. "Dedicated free of debt because the people had a will to work." (John Gleason)

The old church was sold to Sam Demaray and moved to the east part of town where it has since been used by the Church of the Nazarene.

Some of those present at the dedication were: Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Wellman, Robert, Clifford, and Guy; Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Judy and Lillie; Mr. and Mrs. R.R. Skeels; Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Robertson, John and Olive; Mr. and Mrs. John Gleason; Mr. and Mrs. Laurel Pixler (from the Otego church); Hazel Curren; Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Wood; Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Green; Mr. and Mrs. Loren Stanley; Mr. and Mrs. Byron Hill; Mrs. Sarah Canfield; Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Canfield; Mrs. Ida Epperson and Marie Epperson; Mrs. Roxy Graves; Mrs. Mary Robertson; Mr. and Mrs. Riley Richardson; Mrs. Liedloff; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Green; Dr. and Mrs. Will McCormick; Mrs. Minnie Renner; Mr. and Mrs. Willard Smith, Lela and Gerald; Homer Grubbs; Mr. and Mrs. Will Chadbourne; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hotchkiss and Veryl; Cap Modlin; Mr. and Mrs. George Bentley; Miss Eva Terrill; Miss Clara Bentley; Mrs. J. J. Gillett, Clela, Henrietta, Elton, Delia, Clayton, and Nat; Mr. and Perry Austin and Roy; Ray Curren; E. A. Convis, Laverne Convis; Mrs. E. A. Convis; Mrs. Cal Lewis; Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Grubbs; Miss Hazel Lewis; Miss Mattie Lewis; Ralph Parsons; Mr. and Mrs. Art Mann; Mr. and Mrs. Dan Skeels; Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Hawley; James Scott, Mrs. Scott; Belva Shores; Blanche Lamb; Manty Harris; Opal Fishburn; Lois Fuller; Pauline Stanley; Ennis Cook; Wilson Beanblossom; Mr. and Mrs. Otis Beanblossom; Faye Williamson; Art Murphy; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Dailey; Hila and Hazel Gillespie; Wade Hutchison and Goldie; Jennie Smith; Lela Smith; Mr. and Mrs. Kelly O'Neal; Mr. and Mrs. George Alexander, Harold, Elmer and Verlin; Mrs. Glee Howard; Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Modlin (visiting from Otego); William and Anna Decker; Harvey and Will Decker; Miss Mattie Gillett.

In January, 1913, Pastor C. E. Wood, D.D., Ph. D., sent out New Years Greetings in the form of a folder with a picture of the new chutch on the front. Inside was a brief history of the church, the story of the dedication of the new building, and information concerning the functioning of the organization. Following here is a copy of the information provided.

OFFICIARY OF ORGANIZATION

Trustees

R. R. Skeels — President
J. W. Green — Secretary
G. E. Bentley — Treasurer
G. R. Wellman — Wm. Bechtold
R. R. Richardson
H. J. Grubbs — A. S. Judy
J. N. Hotchkiss

Women's Foreigh Missionary Society

Mrs. C. E. Wood — President

Standard Bearers

Lelah Smith — President

King's Heralds

Henrietta Gillett — President

Ladies Aid

Mrs. Sarah Wilsman — President

Official Board

G. E. Bentley — President
Vesalius Davis — Secretary
R. R. Richardson — Treasurer

Ushers

J. C. Modlin — E. A. Convis
W. S. Chadbourne
E. H. Cook — E. H. Tucker

Class Leaders

G. R. Wellman — Mrs. W. H. Masters

Sunday School

Lillian Judy — Superintendent

Epworth League

Guy Wellman — President

Chorister and Organist

Wesley Green — Tana Decker

AUXILIARY DEPARTMENTS

Pastor's Study

The pastor's study will be in the basement, where he may be found from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. and from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Phone No. 75.

Public Library

The public library will be in the same room as the pastor's study and will have the same hours.

Physical Development

Classes will be formed for physical development. If you wish to join, see the pastor.

Local Missionary Work

If you have anything to give to the poor and needy, it will be taken care of and will be given where needed. Mrs. J. L. Graves is chairman of this committee. This department will be called the local missionary work.

There will also be three other departments:

Information and Employment Bureau

The purpose of these bureaus is to help the people and no cost is attached to any of them. They are open to the general public to use as freely as they please. The hours are the same as those given as study hours.

Exchange Bureau

The purpose is to bring together those having anything to sell or wishing to buy. We are confident that work along these lines will not detract from nor lessen the spiritual work of the church.
(Read Matt. 25: 31-46)

OLD POST CARDS LOANED BY EVA THOMAS AND ELEANOR O'NEALL

Two Early Sunday School Classes

Above, top row, left to right: Ruth Walden, Mary Snyder, Helen Snyder, Lucille Green, Ruth Overman, Annabelle Colvin, Mrs. Tod Cline, Bessie Belt. Bottom row, Ralph Hansen, Kenneth Gile, Tod Cline, teacher, Hallie Van Meter, Gerald Schwitzer, Walter Overman.

This picture, taken during the winter of 1908-09, shows a Sunday School class of girls. From left to right they are: Lela Smith, Lulu Masters, Maud Ingham, Gertrude Rogers, teacher, Vida Powell, Minnie Thom, Bertha Garman, Pearl Kern, Orra Skelly, Floye Fisher, Hazel Lewis.
(Picture contributed by Lela Smith Dillon)

Church choir, 1918, under direction of Wesley Green. The rostrum of the brick church looked like this before remodeling. Pictured are: back row, Homer Grubbs, Gene Wilbur, Charley Carpenter, John Gleason, Wade Hutchinson, Harold Shores, Dr. W. L. McCormick, Frank Leidloff, Gerald Smith, Earl Miller, Tod Cline, Floyd Lull. Seated: Delia Gillett Dietz, Harriet Cook, Berniece Woodrig, Elizabeth Rothweiler, Tana Decker Sabin, Wesley Green, Gertrude Smith, Bertha Ellis, Edith Green. (Contributed by Mr. and Mrs. John Gleason)

Below is a picture of the central part of the rostrum after remodeling in 1952. The choir sits at right behind the lectern. The organ and piano are at the left, behind the pulpit. The baptismal font, made by Rev. Claude Johnson, is at floor level at the left of the pulpit. The baptistry beneath the rostrum was removed in 1952 when a forced air furnace was installed.

Picture Taken About 1915—Information on Page 24

This picture, contributed for this history by Mrs. Lyle McCammon, was probably made on some special occasion about 1915. Names listed here were provided by Mr. Clarence Fearing and Miss Eva Thomas. Some of those pictured here are: Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Robertson, Olive and John; Mr. and Mrs. Byron Hill; Miss Hazel Curren; Mrs. Sarah Canfield; Miss Marie Epperson; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Daily; Mr. and Mrs. Riley Richardson; Mrs. Liedloff; Mrs. Mary Robertson; Cap Modlin; Mr. and Mrs. John Gleason; Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Skeels; Mr. and Mrs. George Bentley; Clarence Fearing; Mrs. John Fearing; Miss Grace Fearing; Ted Fearing; Doris Fearing; Miss Emma Wilson; Miss Eva Terrill; Miss Clara Bentley; Mrs. Sanders; Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Judy and Lillie; Miss Pauline Stanley; Mr. and Mrs. Willard Smith; Gerald and Lela Smith; Mrs. Fred Wilsman, Mrs. Jim Hotchkiss, Veryl Hotchkiss; Miss Clela Gillett; Miss Henrietta Gillett; Mr. and Mrs. Perry Austin; Roy Austin; Mr. and Mrs. Loren Stanley; Guy Wellman; Wilson Beenblossom; Mrs. Roxy Graves; James Scott; Mrs. Scott; Ennis Cook; Miss Delia Gillett, Ray Curren; Miss Jessie McCullough; Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Hawley; E. A. Convis and Laverne Convis; Miss Blanche Lamb; Miss Fay Williamson, Miss Mattie Lewis; Miss Marie Green, Miss Agnes Green; Miss Esther Garman; Miss Belva Shores; Miss Mabel Mendenhall; Miss Lois Fuller; Miss Opal Fishburn; Miss Hila Gillespie; Miss Hazel Gillespie; Veryl Livers; Miss Manty Harris; Virgil Harris; Miss Mabel Anderson; Miss Helen Anderson; Mr. and Mrs. Will Chadbourne; Miss Alice Armstrong; Mrs. Charley Haworth; Mrs. Hannah Wilson; George Modlin; Art Murphy; Homer Grubbs; J. E. Fisher; Orville Renner; Don McCullough; Claron Francis; Wade Hutchinson; Irwin Terrill; Mrs. Minnie Renner; Mrs. Nettie Green; Elton Gillett, Mrs. Chloe Lamb.

Because the records are incomplete, John Gleason supplied the authors with a list of names of persons active in the church who have not been mentioned on lists of board members or pictured in this book.

Active and faithful Methodists of past years, according to Mr. Gleason are: The George Alexander family, Ennis and Jennie Cook, Milo and Goldie Cook, Sam Redenbo, Will Callahan and family, the Bert Ross family, Fred Zoberst and family, Art and Lillie Mann, the Overman family, Don Fuller family, Mr. and Mrs. Ace Terrill, T. McCullough and family, Chas. White family, Jesse Green and family, Emmet Tucker and family, Mrs. John Coyner, Mrs. Will Coyner, E. A. Ross and family, Harve Faidley and family, Mrs. Sam Porter, Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Wilson, M. J. Tegley and family, J. W. Green and wife, Judd Livers and family, Al Dorrance and family, Will Chadbourne and family, Dr. Will McCormick and family, Pearl Zumbrum and Parents, T. S. Mendenhall family, M. C. Berkley family, E.A. Convis family, J. A. Walden family, Mrs. J. Williamson and family, Mrs. Will Terrill and family, Jacob Lantz and family, Tom Armstrong family, Al Thom family, the A. W. Canfields, Clarence Gates family, Fred Wilsman, Sr. and family, Wm. Bechtold family, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Haworth, William Tucker family, Mr. and Mrs. Eb Hill, A. N. Olney and family, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Bennett, the W. E. Johnson family, Al Ensign and family, Sue and Anna Abel, Frank Burke family, T. B. Armstrong, L. C. Stanley, A. F. Ladwig, Dr. Watson, N. Bagley.

In the summer of 1918, Gospel Teams of laymen held weekly meetings at the church. On the next three pages are pictured the programs for the months of May through September. The meetings were held on Sunday nights, closing with a full week of nightly meetings in September. During this time the pastor, H. J. Lorenz, left to accept a larger charge and was replaced by Rev. W. E. Dunlap. Both were ministers of exceptional ability.

BURR OAK GOSPEL TEAM

Program for May and June

LEADERS AND TOPICS

SEATS FREE

Devotional Meeting each Sunday Evening at Seven o'clock Sharp, at the Parlors of the M. E. Church.

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PROGRAM BURR OAK GOSPEL TEAM

For the months of May and June

May 7th
Leader, John Gleason.
Subject: Judges, 16th chapter.

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May 14th
Leader, H. A. Modlin..
Subject: The cripple at Lystra, Acts 14.

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May 21st
Leader, W. M. Green
Subject: The Council at Jerusalem, Acts 15:1-35

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May 28th
Leader, G. I. Watson.
Subject: The Call of the West, Acts 15:36 to 16:15.

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June 4th
Leader, Tom McCulloch.
Subject: Sowing and Reaping, Gal. 6.

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June 11th
Leader, Earl Bentley.
Subject: The Phillipian Jailer, Acts 16:16-40

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June 18th
Leader, B. E. Hill.
Subject, The Phillipian Christian, Phil. 1:1-11 and 4:1-9.

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June 25th.
Leadedr, J. E. Hawley.
Subject: Paul at Thessalonca and Berra, Acts 17:1-15.

On the cover of the program pictured here are these words:

BURR OAK GOSPEL TEAM
Program for July, August, and September
Team Motto-"Brighten the corner where you are"
Pastor, H. J. Lorenz
Officers of the Team
J. F. Robertson, President
P. C. Austin, Secretary
H. A. Modlin, Treasurer

PROGRAM BURR OAK GOSPEL TEAM

For the months of July, August and September

July 2nd

Leader, B. E. Hill.
Subject: Thessalonian Christians, 1st Thes. 1st chap.; 2nd chap. verse 17 to 20 and 4th chap. 13 to 18.

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July 9th

Leader, W. H. Beanblossom.
Subject: Acts 17:16-34.

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July 16th

Leader, L. C. Stanley.
Subject: Paul at Corinth.

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July 23rd

Leader, G. E. Bentley.
Subject: The word of the Cross, 1st Cor. 1:1-2 and all of chap. 5.

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July 30th

Leader, P. C. Austin.
Subject: The greatest thing in the world, 1st Cor. 13th chap.

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August 6th

Leader, J. C. Modlin.
Subject: The grace of giving, 2nd Cor. 9th chapter.

August 13th

Leader, A. F. Ladwig.
Subject: The riot at Ephesus, Act 19:23-41.

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August 20th

Leader, O. A. Beenblossom.
Subject: Journey toward Jerusalem, Acts 20:16-38.

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August 27th

Leader,
Subject: Paul's sorrows and comforts, 2nd Cor. 11:21 to 12:10.

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September 3rd

Leader, J. F. Robertson.
Subject: The arrest of Paul, Acts 21:17-40.

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September 10th

Leader, R. R. Hanson.
Subject: Paul a prisoner in the castle, Acts 22.

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September 17th

Leader, A. W. Canfield.
Subject: Review 2nd Cor., chap. 2, 3, 4 and to verse 4 of 5th chap.

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September 24th

Leader, Guy Wellman.
Subject: The plot that failed, Acts 23.

Laymen's Week, Sept. 18-24

MONDAY EVENING:

TUESDAY EVENING:
"The Attitude of Christ toward the Sabbath," by J. E. Hawley.

WEDNESDAY EVENING:
Sacred Concert by Burr Oak Band. Subject, "The Mission of Music."

THURSDAY EVENING:
"Laymen in Action", by the Beloit Gospel Team.
Banquet by Ladies of the Church.

FRIDAY EVENING:
'Child, Youth and the Church," by T. B. Armstrong.

SATURDAY EVENING:
A Sermon, "Need of Evangelism."

SUNDAY MORNING:
Address to Laymen.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON:
Consecration Service.

SUNDAY EVENING:
Evangelistic Sermon.

Further Services Announced Later

THE FINAL WEEK

(All programs lent by Mr. and Mrs. Lyle McCammon)

Rev. W. E. Dunlap came to the Burr Oak church in 1918 and remained for two and a half years.
(by John Gleason)

Our record now skips to the newly elected Sunday School and church officers for 1929-30. Dallas Davis was Superintendent of the church school. His assistant, Chas E. Bouton; Secretary, Mrs. W. O. Green; Treasurer and Librarian, Guy Wellman; Intermediate Supt. L. M. Wood; Primary Supt., Mrs. D. H. Skeels; her assistant, Mrs. H. A. Decker; Missionary Supt., Mrs. D. C. Fuller; Pianist, Miss Allene Myre; Chorister, Miss Florence Gleason; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs. Elmer Alexander. The Sunday School Board was D. H. Skeels, C. E. Freshour, and O. A. Beenblossom.

Trustees of the church that year were J. F. Robertson, R. R. Skeels, M. J. Tegley, Clarence E. Gates, L. M. Wood, A. C. Ross, and O. A. Beenblossom.

Stewards were Ed Wilsman, H. A. Modlin, C. E. Gates, J. F. Robertson, Mary Varney, L. M. Wood, R. R. Hansen, Ada Beenblossom, D. W. Davis, and J. A. Overman.

In 1935 most of the above list were still active. Names added to the Church Board between 1930 and 1935 were: Mal Decker, Elmer Alexander, Inez Fuller, Vesta Jones, Loren Fogo, Elsie Poppen, Frances Davis, Hazel Wood, Geo. Bentley, L. A. Pixler, Olive Pixler, Mabel Cosand, Pearl McMains, Ethel Terrill. Mrs. Terrill was President of the Ladies Aid. Mrs. Tana Sabin was President of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. Membership committee for the ensuing year consisted of Ada Beenblossom, Inez Fuller, Florence Alexander, and the pastor, B. G. McCormick. Music Committee: Adolph Unruh, Frances Davis, Florence Pixler, Lillie Mann, and Hazel Wood. Committee on Religious Education: Hazel Wood, Cecilia Pixler, Glenys Unruh, Margaret Aspegren, and the pastor. Benevolences, D. W. Davis, R. R. Hansen, Myrtle Richardson, Lora Modlin. Social Service: Nettie Green, Wilma Caldwell, Madeline Harris, Winifred Canfield. Auditors: V. Davis, R. R. Hansen, L. M. Wood. Parsonage Committee: Mrs. Harris Anna McCormick. Pulpit Supply: D. W. Davis, W. H. Wood, L. A. Pixler, O.A. Beenblossom. Nominating Committee: L. A. Pixler, J. F. Robertson, Inez Fuller, Lillie Mann.

On Sept. 9, 1936, the nominating committee of the church met at the parsonage. The meeting was called to order by the pastor, Rev. B. G. McCormick. Those nominated for the church board for 1936-37 (and later elected) were: Mrs. J. A. Poppen, Mrs. J. F. Robertson, Dallas W. Davis, Frances Davis, Judd Gillett, A. G. Hucksoll, Mrs. L. M. Wood, Florence Alexander, Inez Fuller, Lillie Mann, Mrs. Chas. Haworth, Mrs. John Fishburn, Mrs. C. P. Meeker, Mrs. Sadie Smith, Mrs. Claron Frances, Ruth Richardson, Wilma Caldwell, Adolph Unruh, Florence Pixler, Gertrude Smith, Margaret Aspegren, R. R. Hansen, V. Davis, L. M. Wood, Ada Been blossom, R. R. Richardson, L. A. Pixler, O. A. Beenblossom, Frank Robertson, Elsie Callahan, Laurel Pixler, C. W. Fearing, Glenys Unruh, Darlene Zoberst, C. E. Gates, G. C. Modlin, E. E. Alexander, Mary Verney, Vesta Jones, Loren Fogo, M. M. Decker, H. A. Modlin, Ed. Wilsman, M. J. Tegley.

In 1938 a new minister came to the church, Rev. C. R. Vasey. In November after his arrival in October the official board met. Those present on this occasion were Elmer and Florence Alexander, L. A. Pixler, C. H. Pixler, Callas and Frances Davis, Tana Sabin, O. A. Beenblossom, Ada Beenblossom, G. C. Modlin, Lora Modlin, Elsie J. Callahan, Florence Pixler, H. D. Fogo, Leo Beanblossom, Judd Gillett, and Lela Decker. Rev. and Mrs. Vasey were also present.

In 1939 the membership of the official board remained practically the same as in the previous year. A few names were added, including those of Elton Gillett, Mrs. Grace Haworth, Douglas Gillett, George Harris, Darlene Zoberst, Ruth Richardson, Leonard Wood, Berniece Vasey, Mrs. C. Fearing, Dora Callahan, Ivan Simmonds, and as representatives of the young people's organizations, Ruth Alexander, Elizabeth Wilsman, Stanley Johnson, and Jean Fearing.

At a board meeting in 1940 those present whose names have not appeared before in this record were: Mr. W. C. Ost, Miss Hazel Curren, Mrs. Leo Beanblossom and Mrs. G. Alexander. Youth members of the board of education in 1940 were Ruth Alexander, Louise Gleason, Stanley Johnson, and Jean Fearing. In 1940 also, the names of Beth Fearing and Mary Morton were added to the board.

When F. M. Bishop became pastor in 1941, the quarterly conference roll lists as members of the board: Mrs. F. M. Bishop, Dallas Davis, Stanley Johnson (Pres. Epworth League), H. A. Modlin, Leo Beanblossom, Ed. Wilsman, Riley Richardson, J. F. Robertson, Laurel Pixler, Cecil Modlin, Loren Fogo Elmer Alexander, Florence Alexander, Judd Gillett, Grace Haworth, Clarence Fearing, Mrs. Edith Ost, Mrs. Lucille Ayers, O. A. Beenblossom, Florence Pixler, H. D. Fogo, Lillie Mann, Marie Beenblossom, Ma. Decker, Robert (Bobbie) Ost, Vera Alexander, Jane Johnson, Guy Wellman, Douglas Gillett, Del Canfield, Winifred Canfield, Lyle Wood, Douglas Gillett, Edna Fishburn, Dora Callahan, Ruth Richardson, Jessie Mae Gillett, Elton Gillett, Ruth Fearing, Lola Scott, Dorcas Wilson, Geneva Ost, and Mary Morton.

Three years later, at the Fourth Quarterly Conference shortly before Rev. F. M. Bishop left to be replaced by Arthur Berg, the following were elected to serve on the church board for the year 1944-45: Elmer Alexander, Mrs. Elmer Alexander, Mrs. Arthur Aspegren, Otis Beenblossom, Leo Beanblossom, Mrs. Mark Callahan, Loren Fogo, Judd Gillett, Ed Lewis, G. C. Modlin, Laurel Pixler, Clarence Pixler, Riley Richardson, Frank Robertson, Mrs. Philip Underwood, Guy Wellman, Mrs. Lyle Wood, Mrs. Ed. Wilsman, M. J. Tegley, Miss Diana Underwood, Marie Everson, Ada Beenblossom, Mrs. Del Canfield, Douglas Gillett, Goldie Johnson, Mrs. E. C. Aspegren, Minnie Renner, Jessie Mae Gillett, Bess Pixler, Ruth Fearing, Mrs. Emmet Lewis, Louise Gillett, Winifred Canfield, Mrs. Cecil Modlin, Mrs. Susie Morton, Mrs. Charley Haworth.

In 1945 Rev. Henry Murray came to the church and remained for three years. The roll of the Fourth Quarterly Conference held on Sept. 3, 1947, lists these persons as members elected to the board for the conference year of 1947-48: Ed. Wilsman, Cecil Modlin, Clarence Pixler, Riley Richardson, Otis Beenblossom, Laurel Pixler, Judd Gillett, John Gates, Douglas Gillett, Elmer Alexander, Elton Gillett, Will Morton, Mrs. Joy Michael, Mrs. Ed. Wilsman, Mrs. Dorothy Fearing, Mrs. Elton Gillett, Don Modlin, Mrs.

Frank Robertson, Florence Alexander, Faye Decker, Goldie Johnson, Mrs. Guy Oliver, Ethelyne Demaray, Robert Korb Sr., Olive McCammon, Mary Modlin, Glenn Fearing, Sadie Korb, Lyle Wood, A. W. Canfield, Lowell Duell, Mrs. Clarence Pixler, Mrs. Glenn Paul, Guy Wellman, Mrs. Ed Lewis, Mrs. Will Morton. The following year membership of the board continued much the same, with the addition of the names of Floyd Walters, Don Bennett and Joan Fogo, (Joan represented the Youth Fellowship). Names added to committees in 1949 were: Hazel Korb, Lester Bausch, Jack Byers, Hazel Harris, Mack Harris, Mrs. Dallas Caldwell, Mrs. Don Bennett.

Rev. Henry Murray left the church in Oct. 1949, and the church was without a pastor for six months. At the end of that time Rev. Loren Silsby served as a supply pastor for six months. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Silsby of this church. Most of the church board members continued to serve in the same capacity during this time. The names of Mrs. Delbert Kiehl, Stanley Johnson and Bill Decker appear during 1949 to 1950. Violet Alexander's name was added to the music committee.

In the fall of 1950, Rev. Claude Johnson came to the church. During the three years of his service to the church a number of important things took place. These will be taken up in a special section of this book.

When the corner stone laying of the first church building was held in 1880, Alvin Hovey, the artist, took a photograph of the congregation while gathered around the corner stone. Copies of the photograph were made for sale, and the net proceeds donated to the building fund. No copies of this photo could be found as this history was being compiled.

The first Woman's Society in the church was called the Mite Society, and was organized in 1880 for the purpose of raising money for the building fund. At their first meeting, the ladies each donated ten cents It was announced that the object of the Society, in addition to raising funds, was to promote better acquaintance among the ladies. "Conversation, music and a general social time will be the order of exercise for the evening. Early hours will be observed."

Lack of an architect brought troubles galore to the building committee in 1880. The local newspaper, the Reveille, said with thinly veiled sarcasm, "The building committee have constructed a raised platform in the front half of the church for the minister and singers. We judge that the purpose is to have congregational singing, and the seats below will be reserved for the small boys. We suggest that the original plan of enclosing the platform with a rail fence be carried out." A few weeks later the platform was torn out, the pulpit and seats for the chour but slightly elevated and the floor sloped gradually toward the rear of the church. The editor, still critical, remarked, "A mechanic at the head would have saved this vexation."

On Jan. 6, 1881, the unfinished church building was used by the Burr Oak Amateur Dramatic and Musical Society to put on an entertainment. They produced a popular drama, "The Last Lost" with a full cast of characters. They also exhibited "Mrs. Jarley's Wax Works", which included The Chinese Giant, Captain Kidd and his victims, a Genuine South Sea Cannibal, a Two-Headed Girl, and Babes-in-the-Woods. The evening concluded with a farce, "Poor Philosophy". Admission was ten cents, and the proceeds went to purchase the 700 pound church bell.

When the old frame church was constructed in 1880-81, the Missouri Pacific Railroad hauled the lumber for half price.

When Lillie Mann taught a Sunday School class of boys, she asked them, one Sunday morning, to sign a paper stating that they would not use profanity. One boy refused to sign. although he did not swear. He said later that some of the boys who had signed were using "cuss words" before they were off of the church grounds.

A. S. Judy, an early supporter of the church, was fond of writing poems. On reaching his 82nd birthday in 1924, he presented many of his friends with thin booklets of his poetry. Some of these books are still treasured by their owners. One poem was written in appreciation of Rev. J. C. Walker who spent many years in Burr Oak. Another was written for the 25th anniversary of the church, but it is not included in the book he published.

It has been the custom among some young parents to return to the home church for the baptism of their children. As a result, four and five generations in some families have been baptised in the Burr Oak Methodist church. Among these, fifth generation descendents of Mrs. Sarah Skeels are Lou Ann Hawkins, Patricia Foster, and Larry Thorup. Fourth generation descendents of Mrs. Carrie Gillett are Mark and Blake Gillett, sons of Dr. and Mrs. Dewey Gillett.

A standing joke in the 1950's was the way no one was ever "promoted" from Mrs. Guy Williamson's Young Adult Class. None ever became Older Adults. The problem was finally solved by changing the name to Adult Class and organizing another Young Adult group among newly marrieds.

This announcement appeared in the church bulletin one Sunday morning during the pastorate of Rev. Howard Sanders: "Quarterly Conference will be held this evening in Fellowship Hall. There will be a basket dinner at 7:00. Conference will be held around the sinner table."

At the time of the organization of the Burr Oak Methodist church, there was no Methodist church west of here nearer than Denver, Colo.

Children's Day programs were once a summer high light of the church. Many hours of practicing were climaxed with an evening program.

MINISTERS

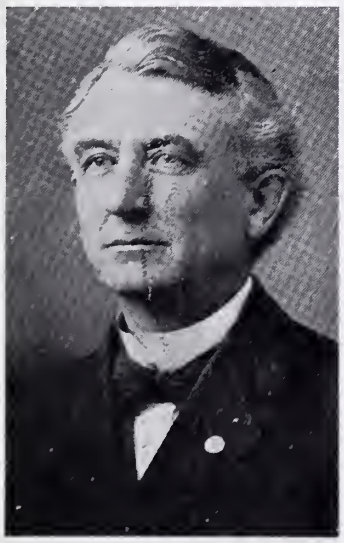
The following served the church as pastors during 1873-1964

1873	H. G. Breed	2 years
1875	C. G. Chrysler	1 year
1876	A. C. Pattee	1 year
1877	G. H. Woodward	3 years
1880	H. G. Breed	2 years
1882	D. D. Campbell	1 year
1883	E. H. Fleisher	1 year
1884	A. C. Pattee	1 year
1885	G. W. Wood	2 years
1887	E. H. Fleisher	2 years
1889	J. C. Walker	5 years
1894	J. W. Adams	2 years
1896	J. M. Willis	2 years
1898	G. W. Hood	2 years
1900	W. S. Vandervort	6 months
1900	Samuel Barber	2½ years
1903	J. O. Borton	1 year
1904	J. M. Willis	1 year
1905	W. E. Uncapher	1½ years
1906	Elder Harrison	2 months
1906	W. A. Van Gundy	3 yrs, 4 months
1910	M. J. Mumford	1½ years
1911	C. E. Wood	2½ years
1914	H. J. Lorenz	4½ years
1918	W. E. Dunlap	2½ years
1921	J. A. Templin	1 year
1922	T. H. Parrott	1 year
1924	C. P. Broadfoot	2 years
1926	A. E. Hughes	3 years
1929	Harry Riley	2 years
1931	F. N. Stelson	3 years
1934	B. C. McCormick	2½ years
1937	A. W. Dick	1 year
1938	C. R. Vasey	3 years
1941	F. M. Bishop	3 years
1944	Arthur Berg	1 year
1945	Henry Murray	3 years
1949	No minister	6 months
1949	Loren Silsby	6 months
1950	Claude Johnson	3 years
1953	Donald O'Hara	3 years
1956	Garcel Brenn	2 years, 8 months
1958	Marvin Zimbelman	2 years
1960	Howard Sanders	4 years
1964	G. R. Alsobrooks	

FORMER MINISTERS

Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Willis 1896-1898

Left. Rev. W. A. Van Gundy
1906-1910



Right, Rev. J. C. Walker
1889-1894
Mr. Walker made Burr Oak
his home for many years.

Pictures of several other pastors appear on other pages.

Rev. Claude Johnson, his wife Gayle, and sons Kenneth and Philip came to Burr Oak in 1950 and remained for three years. These were memorable years in the history of the church. Five and a half pages of Mrs. Mack Harris's hand written history of the church are given over to these years. Many pictures are available from a booklet called the "Messenger" which Rev. Mr. Johnson published at the end of his first year on the charge. During his third year an extensive improvement program was undertaken and completed. High lights of these three years appear on the next few pages.

CLAUDE JOHNSON'S MESSENGER

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Otis Beenblossom ----------1953
Robert Korb Senior ---------- 1953
Donald Modlin ---------- 1952
Cecil Modlin ----------1954
Clarence Pixler ---------- 1952
Laurel Pixler ----------1954
Riley Richardson----------1952
Lyle Wood ----------1954
Ed Wilsman ----------1953

THE BOARD OF STEWARDS

Elmer Alexander
Clarence Fearing
Elton Gillett
Judd Gillett
Robert Korb, Jr.
Donald Modlin
Cecil Modlin
Clarence Pixler
Laurel Pixler
Riley Richardson
Floyd Walters
Lyle Wood
Mrs. Katie Robertson (Communion)
Mrs. Ed Wilsman (Communion)

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Marilyn Brandon
Margaret Aspegren
Jessie Mae Gillett
Bess Pixler
Mrs. Dallas Caldwell
Mrs. Glenn Paul
Dorothy Fearing
Dorothy Hawkins
Evelyn Michael

CLAUDE JOHNSON'S MESSENGER

CHURCH BOARD OF MISSIONS:

Evelyn Michael, Marilyn Brandon, Mrs. Clarence Pixler, Mrs. Robert Korb, Sr.

MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM:

Mrs. Clarence Pixler, Mrs. Katie Robertson, Cecil Modlin, Mrs. Elmer Alexander.

FINANCE:

Clarence Fearing, Cecil Modlin, Don Modlin, Elmer Alexander, Laurel Pixler, Elton Gillett.

PASTORAL RELATIONS:

Otis Beanblossom, Marilyn Brandon, Evelyn Michael, Clarence Fearing.

AUDIT:

Lyle Wood, Floyd Walters.

RECORDS AND HISTORY:

Mrs. Katie Robertson, Cecil Modlin, Mrs. Elmer Alexander, and Clarence Pixler.

CO-OPERATION:

Mrs. Clarence Pixler, Mrs. Elton Gillett, Janet Dee Michael, and Mrs. Maurice Corbett.

POLICY:

Otis Beenblossom, Clarence Fearing, Clarence Pixler, and Mrs. Elton Gillett.

TEMPERANCE:

Mrs. Ed. Lewis, Mrs. Clarence Pixler, Guy Wellman, Mrs. Derald Decker, Clarence Pixler.

MUSIC:

Mrs. Kermit Jeffery, Marilyn Lewis, Florence Pixler, Florence Alexander.

PARSONAGE:

Mrs. Katie Robertson, Mrs. Hazel Harris, Mrs. Winifred Canfield.

MARILYN BRANDON
General Superintendent

CLAUDE JOHNSON'S MESSENGER

BESS PIXLER
Assistant
Superintendent

HAZEL HARRIS
Junior
Superintendent

GUY WELLMAN
Secretary
and
Treasurer
Since
1909

CAROL LEWIS
Pianist

STORY TIME IN THE NURSERY CLASS

NURSERY CLASS
Teachers: Dorothy Fearing and
Alma Garman

BEGINNERS CLASS
Assistant Teachers: Katherine Byers
and Janet Dee Michael

PRIMARY CLASS
Teacher: Rosie Caldwell

CLAUDE JOHNSON'S MESSENGER

JUNIOR CLASS
Teacher: Dorothy Hawkins

INTERMEDIATE CLASS
Teacher: Zelma Paul

YOUTH CLASS
Teacher: Jessie Mae Gillett

W. S. C. S. OFFICERS
Faye, Decker, Zelma Paul, Hazel Korb, Ruth Fearing, Marie Kiehl, Florence Lewis, Jessie Mae Gillett, Marie Beanblossom.

The November Meeting of the W. S. C. S.

CHRISTENINGS

LYNDA AND RICHARD HARRIS

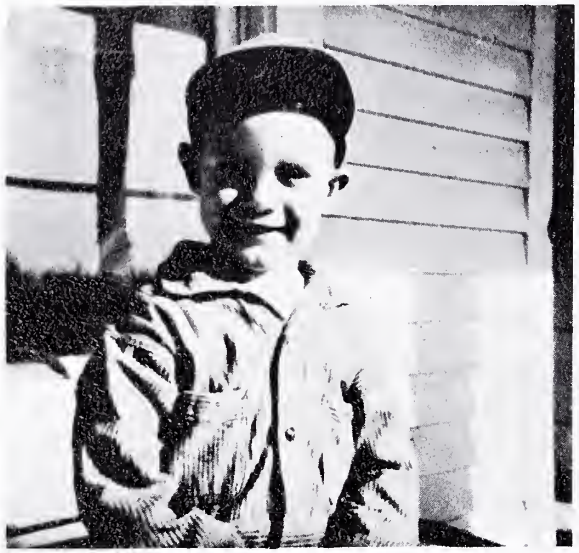
PETER JOHN CORDELL

CHRISTENINGS

DON CHARLES MODLIN

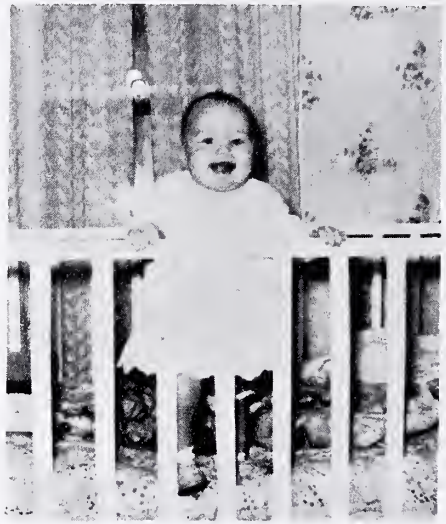
KARL DAVID FEARING

GEORGE ROBERT McCAMMON



JIMMY HARRIS

MICHAEL HARRIS



ALICIA KAY BELT

MARJORIE ELLEN BRIAND

CHRISTENINGS

ANNETTE MILLER

CHERYL DIANNE DECKER

CHRISTENINGS

JANIE JO McCOLEY

MR. AND MRS. LYLE WOOD

MR. AND MRS. RICHARD LEE GATES

MR. AND MRS. JAMES CALDER

MARRIAGES

MR. AND MRS. NEWELL ALEXANDER

MARRIAGES

MR. AND MRS. LeROY LEWIS

MARRIAGES

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT THORUP

MARRIAGES

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT WARNE

MARRIAGES

MR. AND MRS. KERMIT JEFFERY

MORE THAN FIFTY YEARS

MR. AND MRS. OTIS BEANBLOSSOM

MR. AND MRS. C. H. OST

MORE THAN FIFTY YEARS

MR. AND MRS. FRANK MODLIN

MR. AND MRS. REUBEN SILSBY

SERVICE MEN

MAX HAWKINS

GARY MICHAEL

RICHARD LEE GATES

BERNARD CLARK

SERVICE MEN

MILFORD OST

NEWELL ALEXANDER

CLAUDE LYLE JOHNSON

Mr. Johnson came to our community as pastor of the Methodist Church on June 4, 1950. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Kansas Wesleyan University and his Bachelor of Divinity degree from Asbury Theological Seminary.

On March 24, 1944 he was united in marriage to Gayle L. Rife of Lyons, Kansas. The Johnsons' have two sons, Kenneth and Philip.

The pictures on the preceding pages are taken from the "Church Messenger" published by Rev. Claude Johnson in 1951 at the end of his first year as pastor. During his second year in Burr Oak plans were made for cleaning and remodeling the church building, which had begun to show signs of wear on the inside. Many changes were discussed, and by the spring of 1953, definite plans had been made. The extensive remodeling was expected to cost around $10,000. The committee in charge of planning and money raising was Laurel Pixler, chairman; Floyd Walters, and Stanley Johnson. On Sunday and Monday, April 6 and 7, 1953, District Superintendent Everett Freeman was in Burr Oak to help in launching the financial campaign. Members of the church went out two by two on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday to call on all who were willing to help with gifts of money. By Wednesday evening the full amount had been subscribed and a "Victory Dinner" was held at the church. The following Sunday the last services before the remodeling was to begin were held, and the next day the work started.

Members of the Brethren Church cordially invited the Methodists to meet with them during the remodeling program. The Methodists gratefully accepted and the combined meetings of the next three months proved to be a heart warming experience for all concerned.

A study was built for the pastor, ceilings lowered, rostrum completely remodeled, new carpets purchased, new communion table, pulpit, lectern and baptismal fount installed. The interior of the entire church was completely refinished, windows leaded, some doors removed, new cupboards built and other extensive changes made. The Woman's Society of Christian Service raised nearly $1200 to change the old furnace room into a modern kitchen both beautiful and convenient. A dual gas heating system was installed. The youth of the church painted and refinished the north room of the basement to be used for Church School classes and MYF meetings. The ladies, under the leadership of Mrs. Mack Harris, Mrs. J. F. Robertson, Mrs. Glenn Fearing, and Mrs. Elton Gillett, planned and furnished the kitchen. The dining room was fitted out with new folding tables and chairs.

Memorial gifts at the time of remodeling included the pulpit and lectern given by Will Morton in memory of Susie Morton; the communion table and its furnishings given by the Harris family in memory of Nelson and Margaret Harris; furnishings of the pastor's sutdy by the Smullins family in memory of Capt. Glenn Smullins; the initial gift for the electric organ by Lyle Wood in memory of Hazel Wood. The baptismal fount was made and presented to the church by Rev. Claude Johnson.

Quoting here from Mrs. Harris' history of the church, "Much of the work was done by the people of the Methodist Church, especially by Rev. Claude Johnson, who spent many hours from early morning to late at night. Much credit should be given him for getting the whole project done. God bless him, always."

The first services held in the remodeled church were on Sunday, July 5. On August 28, there was a friendship supper in honor of the members of the Brethren Church by the Methodists to show the deep appreciation they felt for the hospitality shown them during the building process. On Sept. 13, a service of rededication was held by Rev. Everett Freeman. After a pot luck dinner at noon there was an organ recital on the new organ by George DeBoer, organist at the First Baptist Church of Hastings, Nebr.

On Memorial Sunday of his second year of the charge, Rev. Claude Johnson held a special service honoring the many pioneer church men and women who had left a rich heritage behind them. A special "Roll of Remembrance" was read following the church service. Judith Ann McCammon lighted candles for each of the original twelve members of the church as their names were read by the pastor. A candle was also lighted for Rev. J. C. Walker who devoted many years of his life to the Burr Oak church.

This tribute was followed by the reading of names which had been handed to Rev. Johnson by members and friends of the church to be memorialized in the service. As each name was read a pink peony was placed in one of the flower stands in honor of that person. The flowers were placed by Carolyn Cordel and Shirley Howe. Special music for the service was provided by a mixed quartet composed of Marilyn Brandon, Janet Dee Michael, John Abel, and Don Modlin. Bud Lewis was pianist and Alice Dell Foster organist.

A copy of the program is reproduced here:

RECORD OF REMEMBRANCE
THE BURR OAK METHODIST CHURCH
Memorial Sunday
May 25, 1952

"They shall shine----------forever and ever."

*E. Modlin	*W. H. Mahoney	*Catherine Bennett
*Hannah Modlin	*R. R. Skeels	*Thomas Lewis
*H. B. O'Neal	*T. B. Carpenter	Beth Ladwig
*Amanda O'Neal	*Susannah McDonald	Rev. J. C. Walker

(*Charter members of the church)

" 'Tis hard to take the burden up where these have
laid it down....."

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Graves

Mary Verney

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Judy

Ruby Ensign

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Hill

together with that great host of our church
family who have fallen asleep in Christ.

"More homelike seems that vast unkown since these have
entered there....."

John Henry Abel, father of John Abel.
George W. Alexander, husband of Alice Alexander.
LaVerne J. Ayers, brother of Mrs. Mack Harris
Opal Beanblossom, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Beanblossom.
Joel Black, father of Mrs. Philip Underwood.
Sarah Canfield, mother of A. W. Canfield.
Boyd Cole and Luereta Cole, father and mother of Arby Cole.
Francis Pangborn Davis, daughter of Mrs. Melvin Pangborn.
Audrey Decker, sister of Darrel Decker.
Anna Louise Decker and William Decker, father and mother of W. G. Decker.
James T. Dick and Kate Dick, father and mother of Alice Alexander.
Louisa Fetter, Mother of Nettie Green.
Ida B. England wife of L. J. England.
Lissie Gates, wife of Clarence Gates.
Emma Francis Gillett and William Groo Gillett, mother and father of W. G. Decker.
J. J. Gillett, husband of Carrie Gillett.
S. D. Gillett, brother-in-law of Carrie Gillett.
J. W. Green, husband of Nettie Green.
H. J. Grubbs, father of Homer Grubbs.
Margaret Harris and Nelson Harris, father and mother of Mack and Willard Harris.
Charles S. Haworth, husband of Grace Haworth.
Dr. J. E. Hawley, husband of Rella Hawley.
Roy Johnson, husband of Goldie Johnson.
Belle Lewis and Calvin Lewis, father and mother of Mrs. Homer Grubbs.
Alta Mae Korb, wife of Robert Korb, Sr.
Ed. Masters, husband of Etta Masters.
Ella Miller, mother of Mrs. Floyd Walters.
M. P. Miller, father of Mrs. Robert Korb, Jr.
Susie Morton, wife of William Morton.
Mrs. R. J. McCammon and R. J. McCammon, father and mother of Mrs. Joy Michael and Lyle McCammon.
Issac Oglevie and Anna Oglevie, father and mother of Mrs. Arby Cole.
Frank G. Pair and Amanda Pair, father and mother of Mrs. Lyle Wood.
Melvin Pangborn, husband of Viva Pangborn.
Mary Richardson and A. Richardson, mother and father of Riley Richardson.
Sarah Roberson and B. F. Roberson, mother and father of Lillie Mann.
Amelia Rux and David Rux, mother and father of Mrs. Roy Brandon.
Dora Sanders, mother of Katie Robertson.
Captain Glenn Smullins, husband of Clarice Smullins.
George R. Wellman and Elizabeth Wellman, father and mother of Guy Wellman.
Fred Wilsman and Sarah Elizabeth Wilsman, father and mother of Ed Wilsman.
Chris Wilkins and Cora Wilkins, brother-in-law and sister of Mrs. R. M. Silsby.
Nell Wilson, mother of Mrs. Merle Hayden.
Sandra Jean Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Wilson.
Hazel E. Wood, wife of Lyle Wood.
Marion Haworth Woodruff, son of Mrs. Riley Richardson.

FORMER MINISTERS

In 1953, Rev. Don D. O'Hara came to the Burr Oak church, where he served three years. The story of his years in Burr Oak was told briefly in the Burr Oak Herald in November of 1956:

REV. DON O'HARA TRANSFERRED TO MUNDEN

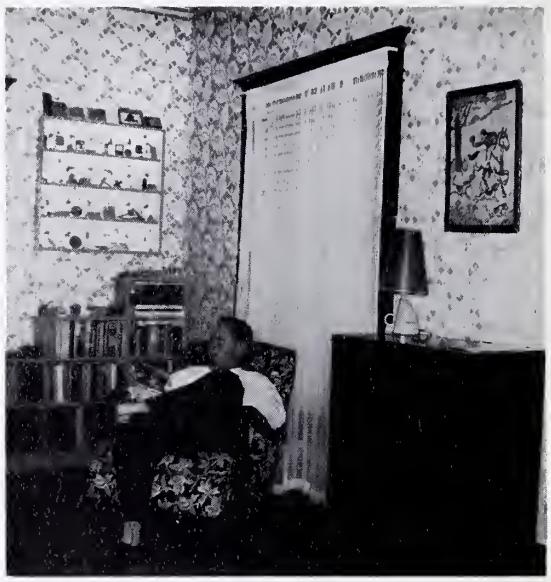
Rev. Don O'Hara, pastor of the Methodist Church in Burr Oak the past three years was transferred to the Munden-Haddam churches at the annual conference held in Wichita last week.

Rev. O'Hara has done wonderful work with the Burr Oak church, especially with the young people. He is a very progressive minister and will no doubt make a success with his new charges. Don took an active part in civic affairs of Burr Oak and was a member of the Burr Oak Lions Club.

The Rev. Brenn, pastor of the Glen Elder church the past few years, will be the new pastor for the Burr Oak church.

Members of the Methodist congregation held a farewell partyfor Rev. O'Hara Wednesday evening. His many Burr Oak friends wish him well in his new home.

The item was written by Mrs. Will Morton. She and Mr. Morton were owners and publishers of the Burr Oak Herald and active members of the Methodist Church.



, Rev. and Mrs. Marvin Zimbelman, Cindy and DeLana. Marvin came to the Burr Oak church as a student pastor in 1958, remaining for two years. He is serving as a chaplain in the army at Ft. Carson, Colo. in 1965.

WOMEN'S GROUPS IN THE CHURCH

Shortly after the turn of the century, records show two women's organizations to have replaced the original Mite Society of 1880. One of these was the Ladies' Aid and the other was called the Women's Foreign Missionary Society. Both of these groups were active in responding to needs at home and abroad. Elsewhere in this history are listed the names of the officers who worked during a few of the past years. In addition to these listed in the record are unnamed hundreds of women who humbly and faithfully served God in their own way.

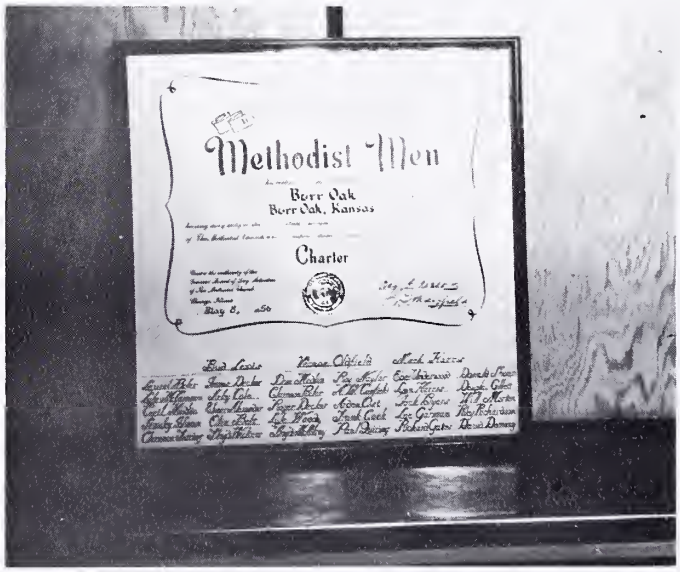
Following the union of three branches of the Methodist Church in America in 1939, other organizations underwent corresponding changes. Women's groups in the reorganized church formed the Woman's Society of Christian Service in 1940. This huge organization, one of the largest women's organizations in the world, provides leadership, program material and a framework of organization for local Methodist women. The Burr Oak Woman's Society was organized in 1940 with seventy charter members, whose names are listed here. The last named, Hazel Wood (Mrs. L. M. Wood) became the first treasurer of the Woman's Society of Christian Service for Concordia District.

CHARTER MEMBERS OF WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Alexander, Alice
Alexander, Florence
Ayers, Lucile
Beanblossom, Ada
Beanblossom, Marie
Bennett, Nannie
Calahan, Elsie
Callahan, Dora
Canfield, Winifred
Clark, Daisy
Cosand, Emma
Cosand, Mabel
Curren, Hazel
Davis, Bernadine
Davis, Frances
Decker, Anna
Decker, Mina
Demaray, Ethelyn
Elder, Sadie
Fearing, Ruth
Fishburn, Edna
Fogo, Maude E.
Fogo, Rozetta
Francis, Anna
Gates, Elta
Gates, Lissie
Gillett, Carrie
Gillet, Jessie Mae
Gillet, Louise
Gleason, Nora
Grubbs, Mattie
Harris, Hazel A.
Hawley, Rella
Haworth, Grace
Howard, Glee
Johnson, Goldie
Jones, Minnie
Lathrop, Viola
Lewis, Jessie
Mann, Lillie
McCammon, Olive
Mellor, Dorothy
Merritt, Hazel
Modlin, Lora
Morton, Susie
Ost, Edith
Ost, Geneva
Ost, Lena
Pangborn, Vivia
Pixler, Florence
Pixler, Nellie
Poppen, Elsie
Renner, Minnie
Richardson, Mary E.
Richardson, Ruth R.
Roberson, Minnie
Robertson, Katie
Sabin, Tana
Scott, Minnie
Selvage, Rosie
Skeels, Myrtle
Terrill, Ethel
Unruh, Glenys
Vasey, Inez
White, Ella
Williamson, Anna
Williamson, Ona
Wilsman, Leona
Wilsman, Marie
Wood, Hazel
(Contributed by Mrs. V.L. Oldfield, Pres. WSCS)

METHODIST MEN

The Methodist Men organized May 8, 1956, under the leadership of Rev. Donald D. O'Hara. There were thirty-three charter members. This group of men joined together for the betterment of the church spiritually, financially and socially. They make an important contribution to the life of the church. The group has met each month since its inception except for an occasional month or two in the summer. They have added many improvements and repairs to the church properties. They have greatly strengthened the organization by providing leadership in every area of the work of the church and church school. A picture of the charter with the names of the charter members is shown here. It hangs in Fellowship Hall downstairs.



Shown below is the altar in Fellowship Hall. The beautiful tapestry was a gift to the church school by Shelly Harris.

Nine persons have gone from the Burr Oak church into Christian service.

Miss Lillian Judy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A.S. Judy, served as Deaconess. She was graduated from the Burr Oak schools and from Kansas City National Training School. During her years of service she was particularly successful in raising funds for church and mission projects.

Miss Nellie Noyes, a very active member of the church while in Burr Oak, served as a Missionary to the Indians in the Dakotas.

Rev. Don Allen received his license as a local preacher from this charge in 1883. J. H. Lockwood was Presiding Elder. Mr. Allen served in this conference for sixteen years, during which time he led in the building of the Belleville church. Later he served in California, where he organized three churches in the mountains near Fresno.

Rev. James Kerr was licensed to preach from this charge in the early '80's. He spent all of the active years of his ministry in this conference.

Rev. Lawrence Hucksoll attended this church in his youth, later becoming a minister of the Gospel.

Dow Ross, District Superintendent of the Daichur District in South India, grew to manhood northeast of Burr Oak. He was a menber of the Rubens Class which was absorbed by this charge.

Rev. Cyrus Pangborn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Halsey Pangborn, grew up in the Burr Oak Methodist Church. He was graduated from Burr Oak High School in 1932 as Salutatorian of his class. He attended Kansas Wesleyan University at Salina, and Yale Divinity School, winning an impressive record of honors in both schools. After serving churches in New York City and Providence, R. I., he went to Columbia University where he obtained a Ph.D. in 1951. He has written articles for Christian Century, Journal of Bible and Religion, AAUP Bulletin, and other publications. He was a Fulbright Scholar doing research in India in 1962-63. He married Roberta Northrup of Ft. Dodge, Ia., in 1944. They have three children, Wendy, Richard, and Robert.

Rev. Don Shoup received a license to preach in 1963 and served as pastor of the church at Webber for 15 months. In September of 1964 he entered Candler School of Theology at Emory University, Atlanta, Ga., where he is studying for the ministry in 1965 as this book goes to press. He was ordained a deacon June 4, 1965, Admission on Trial, Central Kansas Conference. He is married to Roberta Collins, granddoughter of R. R. Richardson, and has two children, Tommy and Linda.

Rev. Olin Belt was licensed from this charge in 1962. In 1965 he is serving the Bennington-Wells charge in this conference and attending Kansas Wesleyan University at Salina. He is the son of Mrs. Dan Pettit. His father, Dean Belt was the son of India Dick Belt, mentioned elsewhere in this book. He is pictured below with his wife, Helen and his daughter, Alicia Kay.

CYRUS PANGBORN

REV. & MRS. DON SHOUP
AND CHILDREN

REV. & MRS. OLIN BELT
AND ALICIA KAY

Guy Wellman

Few can equal the record of Guy Wellman in service to the church. Brought up by parents who helped to establish a church in Burr Oak in the seventies, he became a member at a very early age. He served as treasurer of the Sunday School from 1909 until ill health forced his to turn the task over to someone else in 1962. When the interior of the church was remodeled in 1953, Mr. Wellman paid one-tenth of the total cost. His father, G. R. Wellman had shown the same generosity in the building of both church structures.

(Picture contributed by Jack Wellman)

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Modlin, Mr. and Mrs. Don Modlin, Jerry Sue, Don Charles, Mike and Sylvia. The Modlin family is one of the few which decended from the original twelve members and are still active in the church.

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Gleason, without whose help and encouragement this book might never have been written. They are shown on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary in their home in Burr Oak on Oct. 9, 1957.

Scene of Many Sunrise Services

The cross pictured above stands on the Laurel Pixler farm southwest of town. High on a hill overlooking the beautiful White Rock Valley, the spot has been the scene of many inspiring Easter morning services. Members of several local churches gather at the foot of the cross to greet the sunrise with hymns of joy and praise, proclaiming "He Is Risen".

The Laurel Pixler Family

Pictured are Mr. and Mrs. Laurel Pixler, Mrs. Pixler's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Pangborn, and the three Pixler daughters, Cecilia, Olive, and Norma.

The Pixler family transferred their membership from the Otego Methodist Church to the Burr Oak Methodist Church on Nov. 13, 1931 when Rev. F. N. Stelson was pastor. After joining at Burr Oak each member of the family gave of their time and talents to the work of the church, Epworth League, Gospel Team, music, teaching, and stewardship. Laurel served on the church board for many years. Serving on the Finance Committee, he was instrumental in helping to finance the remodeling and redecorating program in 1952.

Mrs. Pixler is a charter member of the W.S.C.S. Laurel was a faithful attendant at all services until he was called "home" Sunday, Dec. 30, 1956.

(Contributed by Florence Pixler)

"Nelt" (Nelson) Harris Family

Nelt joined the Methodist Church at a very early age. He was the son of Nelson and Lacy Ann Harris. He was a member of the Union Army.

In 1885, Mr. Harris was united in marriage to Margaret Wishart of Montana township, Jewell county, Kansas. Ten childred were born to Mr. and Mrs. Harris: Willard, George, Mary (Mrs. Earl Shaffer), Cephas, McKinley, Seth Hoag (who died in infancy), Ernest, Virgil, Margaret, and Samatha.

The candleholders, offering plates, and vases were given in loving memory of Margaret and Nelson Harris by Mr. and Mrs. Mack Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Harris, Margaret and Manty Harris, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Harris, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harris.

The choir which sang on Easter Sunday in 1963

Back Row, left to right, Rev. Howard Sanders, Mrs. Sanders, Lucile Hutchins, Mrs. Roscoe Wrench, Mrs. Keith Terrill, Mrs. Olin Belt, Mrs. Stanley Johnson, Mrs. Emmett Lewis, Olin Belt, Don Shoup, Joy Hruza, James Geiger, Stanley Johnson, Don Modlin, Bill Oldfield, Peter Cordel. Front row, left to right, Mrs. Geo. Cordel, Lynda Harris, Peggy Huntsinger, Larkie Ann Korb, Jerre Lou Lewis, Bonnie Johnson, Judith Callahan, Jerry Sue Modlin, Sherry Fearing.
(Contributed by Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Johnson)

Rev. and Mrs. Howard Sanders, who served in the Burr Oak church from 1960 to 1964, were both accomplished musicians, Rev. Sanders having been a former director of the choir at Baker University at Baldwin, Kansas. During their years in Burr Oak the musical program was a vital part of the church. Rev. Sanders also organized and directed a community choir during one year of his pastorate in Burr Oak. This group's singing will be long remembered.

Memorial Gifts

The most prized possessions of the church are the beautiful windows, which would be a credit to a church in a much larger community. These were given when the church building was erected in 1912. They are:

1. Christ in the Garden, given in memory of Mahlon Berkeley.
2. The Good Shepherd, in memory of Rev. J.M. Willis.
3. Angel and Two Children, given by Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Wellman.
4. One window placed in memory of Abbott Olney.
5. One window placed in memory of Susannah Skeels.
6. One window placed in memory of Wm. Riner.
7. One window placed in memory of Mary Grace Walker.
8. One window placed in memory of former pastors of the church.
9. One window placed by the Ladies Aid Society.

Other memorials and gifts given to the church through the years:

1. Sallman's "Head of Christ" in the Upper Room, memorial to Frances Davis by Dallas Davis.
2. The silk flags, the Christian flag and the flag of the United States, placed in the sanctuary by Katie Robertson in memory of Frank Robertson.
3. A pulpit light for Beth Ladwig given by Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Skeels.
4. The Bible in Fellowship Hall, given by Mrs. Mack Harris after she had served four years as Superintendent of the Children's Department.
5. The piano in the Upper Room in memory of Annie Barnett by Mattie Decker.
6. Pulpit light in memory of Mrs. Ethel Silsby by her children.
7. Many hymnals have been given as memorials by relatives of deceased persons.
8. A framed copy of the charter of the W.S.C.S., chosen by the Society as a fitting memorial to by purchased with money given in memory of Maude Fogo by the Loren Fogo family.
9. An undesignated memorial for Alice Fogo by friends in Concordia, received as this book was going to press.
10. The refrigerator in the church kitchen, given in memory of Katie Robertson by Mrs. Lyle McCammon.

The gifts listed here are in addition to those presented to the church at the time of the remodeling in 1952, which are listed elsewhere.

SPECIAL CASH GIFTS TO BENEVOLENT CAUSES

In 1920 when Kansas Wesleyan was making a campaign for a million dollar endowment, G. R. Wellman and wife gave $5000 in government bonds to the college. At another time Mr. Wellman gave $9,700 to the Board of Foreign Missions on the annuity plan.

Mr. A. S. Judy gave $1000 to found the June Judy Chapel in India. Later Mr. and Mrs. Judy gave $1000 to name and equip a room in the Kansas City National Training School building.

Many cash gifts ranging from $500 to $2500 have been given the Burr Oak church by loyal members and friends over the years.

Anniversaries

The 50th anniversary observance was held on June 27 and 28, 1923. The program:

Wednesday, 2:00 P.M.

Music
Address of Welcome, Mrs. Ida Epperson
Early Reminiscences of the church in Burr Oak, by Dr. J. E. Hawley
Roll call of former pastors and district superintendents
Statistics, Rev. J. C. Walker
Singing of old hymns
Benediction

Wednesday, 5:30 P.M.

Basket supper in the church basement at 5:30
Special music at 7:45
Sermon, Rev. J. C. Borton
Benediction

Thursday, 2:00 P.M.

Music
Invocation
Address, Rev. W. A. VanGundy
Historical Address
Benediction

Thursday, 7:45 P.M.

Special Music
Invocation
Address, Rev. D. B. Magee
Benediction

"The Jubilee services were a success throughout. A splendid spirit characterized all the sessions. Despite the busy season the attendance was good. Letters were received and read from the following former pastors and members: Mrs. Della Cox Washburn, Mrs. J. N. Hotchkiss, Rev. Don Allen, Rev. J. W. Adams, Rev. James Kerr, Rev. D. D. Campbell, Rev. H. J. Lorenz, and Rev. Samuel Barber. Portraits of our honored dead were shown which numbered sixty-two. With grateful hearts for a significant past we trust that we may be of even larger and greater service to the Kingdom of God in the years ahead." At the time of the 50th anniversary Rev. T. H. Parrott was pastor. The planning committee was: Rev. J. C. Walker, Mrs. Ida Epperson, and R. R. Skeels.

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The 75th anniversary was observed on Nov. 21, 1948. The pastor, Rev. Henry Murray. In spite of the blizzard of that weekend, Rev. W. W. Owen, Dist. Superintendent, was present to bring the morning message. Following a noon dinner a recognition service was held honoring former pastors and members. As few could be present, a large number of letters and greetings was read from: Mrs. Ruby Ensign, Rev. and Mrs. T. H. Parrott, Rev. and Mrs. C. R. Vasey, Mr. C. L. Carpenter, Miss Lillian Judy, Mrs. A. W. Mann, Mrs. Nettie Green, Mrs. Christine Modlin Dye, Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ross, Alene Hoyt, George Bentley, Ralph Hansen, John Smith, Delia Gillett Shertzer, Rev. Harry Riley and Rev. O.G. Greene.

An heirloom was presented to the church on its 75th anniversary by Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Kiser. It was part of the first communion set used after the founding of the church. Another addition to the property of the church at this time was a new pulpit Bible.

Special musical numbers were given by Mrs. Darrell Wininger, Newell and Violet Alexander, and a quartet composed of Don Modlin, Scott Harmon, Newell Alexander, and Rev. Henry Murray. Committee in charge of arrangements: Mrs. Elmer Alexander, Mrs. Elton Gillett, Mrs. David Demaray, Clarence Fearing, Clarence Pixler, and Otis Beenblossom.

Mrs. Mack Harris and Mrs. Katie Robertson prepared the anniversary cake.

The 50th anniversary of the dedication of the present church building was held on Dec. 2, 1962. The pastor was Rev. Howard Sanders. A large crowd attended the simple ceremony observing the anniversary. Three new hymnals were presented to the church by Guy Wellman, and one of his favorite hymns, "O, Could I Speak the Matchless Worth" was sung at his request. Those present who had attended the dedication in 1912 were: Guy Wellman, Elmer Alexander, Otis Beenblossom, Mrs. W. G. Decker, Mrs. Homer Grubbs, Wesley Green of Jewell, Mr. and Mrs. John Gleason, Mrs. Glee Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Modlin, Riley Richardson, Mrs. Eleanor O'Neal, and Florence Lewis.

Mrs. Mack Harris brought a review of the 1912 dedication day and the minister spoke on the subject of "God's Building". Mrs. Harris also presented the members who had been present fifty years before.

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The 90th anniversary of the organization of the church was celebrated on Sunday, June 16, 1963. The actual anniversary date was June 28, but the observance was held on the 16th in order that Bishop Eugene Slater of the Kansas area might be present as the guest speaker. Rev. Howard Sanders, the pastor, appointed Mrs. Mack Harris, Mrs. A. D. Aspegren, Mrs. Elton Gillett, and Stanley Johnson to plan the event. The sanctuary of the church was full at both the morning and afternoon services, with the Upper Room holding the overflow. Nearly a hundred remained for the basket dinner at noon.

Bishop Slater brought the message at the morning service. Dr. O. Ray Cook, Superintendent of Concordia District introduced the bishop. Mrs. Cook sang in the thirty-one voice choir. Bishop Slater, who spoke on the subject "Looking Backward and Forward", paid homage to the courage and sacrifice of the pioneers and stated that the church faces an equal challenge today.

Jerre Lou Lewis played the organ, Bill Oldfield sang the solo part in the anthem, and Mrs. Don Shoup played "The Lord's Prayer" on the violin, accompanied by Mrs. Ralph Cummings.

The Bishop addressed the assemblage again at the 2:00 P.M. service. Mrs. Janet Knight Hancock and Mrs. Howard Sanders played an organ duet and also accompanied the choir when it sang. Songs sung by the choir were "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" and the "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's "Messiah".

Mrs. Mack Harris gave a brief history of the church. Copies of the history were handed out at the close of the meeting. Other specials of the afternoon were a violin solo by Mrs. Don Shoup, accompanied by Mrs. Howard Sanders, a vocal solo by Gary Hancock, accompanied by Mrs. Hancock, and an original poem by Edna Masters entitled "New Church at Elm Creek".

Rev. Sanders gave special recognition to the ministers and out-of-town guests present. Ministers were: Rev. Don O'Hara of Luray, Rev. and Mrs. G. R. Alsobrooks of Courtland, Rev. Ray Hodgell of Topeka, and Rev. and Mrs. Isham of the Burr Oak Church of the Nazarene.

Another special guest was Wesley Green of Jewell who was the choir director at Burr Oak when the church was built in 1912. Mrs. Tana Sabin, who was organist for his choir and Mr. and Mrs. John Gleason, who sang in it, were introduced with Mr. Green.

Several former ministers and friends of the church sent letters, which were presented by Stanley Johnson. Letters were received from Rev. W. E. Dunlap of Winona Rev. J. O. Borton of Hiawatha, Rev. and Mrs. Harry Riley of Concordia, Rev. and Mrs. Ellsworth Hughes of Red Cloud, Nebr., Rev. and Mrs. F. M. Bishop of Hill City, Rev. Loren Silsby of Republic, Rev. Thomas H. Parrott of Baldwin, Rev. and Mrs. Lyle Miller of Belpit, Rev. and Mrs. C. R. Vasey of Belle Plain, Rev. W. W. Owen of Wichita, Rev. Don O'Hara of Luray, Rev. B. G. McCormick and Dr. Everett Freeman of Hutchinson, and Rev. Marshall Stanton of Jewell. Rev. Henry Murray of Wichita had planned to fly up, but phoned that he was grounded by rain.

On Easter morning, April 18, 1965, the Junior Hi Lites asked the congregation to pause on the church steps for a picture after the morning service. Most of those present did so. Those present on this occasion were:

Mr. and Mrs. John Abel and Elizabeth
Mrs. Elmer Alexander
Wade Alexander
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Rev. and Mrs. G. R. Alsobrooks and Faye
Mr. and Mrs. Art Aspegren and Eric
Mrs. Jack Baker and Kelly Lee
Otis Beanblossom
Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Boyles, Douglas, Marvin, Bryan, and Elaine
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brandon
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Byers, Pat and Jackie
Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Caldwell
Mrs. Ina Cause
Mr. and Mrs. Arby Cole
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Decker
Mrs. Derald Decker and Cheryl
Mr. and Mrs. David Demaray
Mr. and Mrs. Gary D. Dillon
Lela Dillon
Mary Dillon
Mrs. Sam Ernst
Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Fearing
Mrs. Jean Fearing and Randy
Sherry and Dave Fearing
Mr. and Mrs. Dan Franco and Cindy
Mr. and Mrs. Gary Garman
Mr. and Mrs. Lee Garman, Bob, Terry, and Carla
Mr. and Mrs. John Gates.
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gates, Cathy, Lorie, Byron, and Jonie
Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Gillett and Larry
Mr. and Mrs. John Gleason
Mr. and Mrs. Homer Grubbs
Shelly Harris
Glee Howard
Mrs. Jennie Huntsinger and Peggy
Goldie Johnson
Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Johnson, Bonnie, Kathy, Julie, and Roy
Mr. and Mrs. Wylie Knight, Cynthia and Kitza
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Korb, Larkie and Bob
Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Lamb, Mitzi and Melodie
E. E. Lewis
Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Lewis and Jerre Lou
Mr. and Mrs. Russell Lewis
Verna Loomis
Mrs. T. J. Louder
Edna Masters
Mrs. Etta Masters
Mr. and Mrs. Lyle McCammon and Robert
Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Modlin
Mr. and Mrs. Don Modlin, Jerry Charles, Mike, and Sylvia
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Mullins
Mrs. V. L. Oldfield
Eleanor O'Neall
Mr. and Mrs. Arden Ost, Lavon and Diana
Mr. and Mrs. Milford Ost, Audra, Mike, Brad, and Larry
Mrs. Glenn Paul
Florence Pixler
Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Renner
Carol Roe
Mr. and Mrs. Gary Roe
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Russell
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schmidt, Kenton and Dana
Mr. and Mrs. Gale Tegley
Mr. and Mrs. Keith Terrill, Kathy, Becky, and Marium
Mrs. Lula Walden
Mrs. John Williams
Mrs. Guy Williamson
Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wilsman and Elizabeth
Mrs. C. F. Zoberst
Patty Spatz
Luanne Olena

EASTER MORNING—1965

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Pictured here are Rev. and Mrs. G. R. Alsobrooks and daughter Faye. They came to the Burr Oak church in June of 1964. Miss Faye Alsobrooks plans to become a Deaconess after college.

WE DISCOVER HISTORY

While studying about the church one day
One of our students she did say,
"It's so crowded, let's build a room."
"But we have no money, so we're doomed."
Then our teacher again did say,
"A church history might just pay."
So that is what we finished today.

By Cynthia Knight
and Luanne Olena

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